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CHEESE, SIDECARS, TANK TOPS and heroic hens. Could there be a more quintessentially British world than that created by the Aardman Animations studio?

It is, of course, a world that harks back to a charming and heart-warming past that didn't really exist. But considering the grim realities of life in the world today, is it any surprise that millions of us find it irresistible?

What is remarkable is that more than 30 years on from the creation of Wallace and Gromit, the Aardman magic still works. Despite a flirtation with Hollywood that ended after three films, the Bristol-based animation studio still does things the way it always has: with characters hand-crafted out of modelling clay, much as they were when Aardman first made Morph in the 70s.

That commitment to stop-motion animation is as much part of Aardman's DNA today as it was then, even in the age of CGI and AI. But it takes time. Six years after the launch of Chicken Run - the story of chickens breaking free of their farm, inspired by The Great Escape - Aardman is about to unleash the sequel on Netflix.

Chicken Run: Dawn of the Nugget is just as daft and charming as the original. "The whole notion is totally absurd." Peter Lord, co-founder of the studio, tells us. "We do what makes us laugh: silent comedy and slapstick." As such, a new Aardman adventure is the perfect way to launch our preview of the best Christmas TV for all the family, starting on page 10.

If delayed gratification is too much to bear, we also interview classicist Mary Beard, survivalist Bear Grylls, naturalist Steve Backshall and actor Tracy-Ann Oberman. You can enjoy their shows and the rest of the programmes featured in our listings and choices - all this week.

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# STREAMING

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This bittersweet, naturalistic British drama sees a close-knit group of 20-something friends reunite in their home town to give one of their number, who has terminal cancer, an unforgettable send-off.



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# SAOIRSE-MONICA JACKSON

Leaving *Derry Girls* behind was tough, but now she's finally getting to act her age

In 2018, Saoirse-Monica Jackson got her big break playing 16-year-old Erin Quinn in Channel 4's awards-guzzling sitcom Derry Girls. The Derryborn actor said goodbye to the character in 2022 and since then she's popped up in DC blockbuster The Flash and is now in Paramount+'s The Doll Factory, a 19th-century-set thriller involving doll-painters and obsessive taxidermists. In the new year, she's in Netflix's The Decameron, a raucous black comedy set in 14th-century Italy. At 30 years old, Jackson is finally leaving teenage roles behind...

# This has been your first year post-*Derry Girls*. Were you ready for the show to end?

It was bittersweet. I think the weirdest thing for me was leaving behind [writer] Lisa McGee. Lisa based my character, Erin, on her younger self and Erin aspires to be everything Lisa has become – Erin would love to write a hit TV show and get a doctorate and do all the amazing things Lisa's done. So it felt bizarre when the show ended, because I was done with Erin but Lisa is continuing her life.

# Would you ever revisit the role?

It'd be interesting to revisit Erin down the line and see what she's

'It was bittersweet when Derry Girls ended'

up to, because your 20s are so chaotic. But that would really be down to Lisa. I'd love to work with her again.

There's now a *Derry Girls* mural in Derry, which has become a tourist attraction. What's it like to see your face on the side of Badger's Bar and Restaurant? Derry's quite a small city and the mural's not far from where I grew up, actually. The pub that the mural's on is quite a special place to my family, so I've got a lot of





memories associated with it. But when I go home I try to avoid walking past it – I've seen people queuing up to see it and take photos. It's lovely to see the tourism coming back. For so long, people were apprehensive about going there, but the city has so much to offer and I think Derry Girls opened the doors to that.

### The show had a fanatical fanbase. What's the weirdest experience you've had with a fan?

People always want to hug me! Especially teenagers, which is so sweet. They come up and they're so excited. I mean, what do you do in a situation like that when a stranger asks you for a hug?

You've swapped 90s Derry for 19th-century London in The Doll Factory. What drew you to the show?

I like things that are quite dark, magical and creepy and the original book it's based on [by Elizabeth Macneal | really had that atmosphere. It's sort of about the notion of ownership and men being extremely upset when they don't get their own way with women - it's still relevant.

### You're also in The Decameron, a TV drama based on the 14thcentury Italian literary classic - not the former Prime Minister...

That's so funny, because when I actually got the job, I rang my brother to tell him, and he thought I was playing David Cameron's wife! I thought, that's a big leap, but fair enough, I didn't realise how wide my character bracket was.

## The Decameron, like The Doll Factory, is a period piece. Were the shows a similar experience?

It was really interesting to be in two period shows. They were both fun, but with extremely

different tones. The Decameron was unlike anything I'd ever read before - it's really off the wall. It's very funny, but also very dark and sexy. I can't think of anything else to compare it to, though I know that *The Favourite* [the Yorgos Lanthimos movie starring Olivia Colman as Queen Anne] was used as a reference.

### It's a long way from Derry Girls. Was that a conscious decision?

I always wanted to do more drama, and I don't think there will be anything like Derry Girls again. It was definitely exciting to play a different emotional range. For example, it's good to play fear. It's such a common and complex emotion, and I don't think Derry Girls had a tone of fear ever, even given the backdrop we were against. That's what was so beautiful, that the girls were sheltered from all that.

### You were in The Flash earlier this year. How different was filming a huge superhero movie compared with what you'd done on TV?

I couldn't believe how long we spent on just a tiny thing. It was mind-boggling, getting through one page of dialogue over four or five days. But it was a real privilege. The director, Andy Muschietti, was a remarkable guy; he created a space and a scope to try things out. It was a brilliant experience.

### And, at 30, finally acting your age, too...

It's absolutely brilliant. When you're playing a teenager, they're often quite confused about the world, emotionally, so you're kind of stuck in that space sometimes. But now I'm getting to play women in their 20s, it's fantastic. You want to play all the complex things that happen through your life, and you've got a lot more to work with. STEVE O'BRIEN

The Doll Factory is on Paramount+ from 1 December

# WHAT IT'S LIKE...

# to be an extra on TV



in dramas such as The Crown, Stonehouse and Slow Horses.

**ACTION!** I trained at London's Royal Central School of Speech and Drama and had a bit of an acting career before teaching drama. I retired about five years ago. My friend started doing extras work and said I should give it a go. I joined three agencies: The Casting Collective, Uni-versal Extras and Extra People.

**SELFIE TIME** The brief can be as simple as "Man walking dog in the background". I'll get an availability request and if I say I'm free, they'll want a current selfie - full length, face, profiles and the back. My measurements are on file and costume fittings are done a week or so before filming, but I wore my own dinner jacket on The Crown. I'll often wear thermals underneath because it gets cold while standing around.

### **FAST CAR, SLOW HORSES**

In series two of Slow Horses, I was the double for Marek Vasut, who played ex-KGB spy Andre Chernitsky. I had to drive down a steep hill in

### **ALL IN A DAY'S WORK**

stunt coordinator,

then he left me to it.

I do three or four jobs a year and the standard day rate is £120, but I get more if I'm on set early or stay late. If they need to trim your hair for a role, they pay £15 extra.

THAT'S ME... I THINK I watch things I'm in, but usually can't see myself. But I was in Stonehouse for four minutes [main picture, above], sitting behind Matthew Macfadyen playing one of the MPs berating his character, John Stonehouse. You're discouraged from interrupting the cast, but I muttered to him, "God, that was hard, well done." The director congratulated him – and then me!

THE WAITING GAME You've got to be adaptable and patient. It can be quite tedious, but I love the process. It occupies me, it's interesting and it buys a few little luxuries. LAURA RUTKOWSKI

New episodes of Slow Horses are released on Wednesdays, Apple TV+

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# **VIEWPOINT**

DON'T GIVE UP ON HOPE

Amid bleak news from Gaza, we must remember those who refuse to surrender to hate, says **Fergal Keane** 





I WAS LYING on the bed when I heard the gunfire. A rapid burst. Silence. Then another burst. I moved to the balcony and saw policemen and border guards race down the Nablus Road, shouting. They

ran past the Armenian pottery shop, past the Legacy Hotel, America House, the prayer school of Jerusalem, towards the Cathedral of St George. Then, as suddenly as it had begun, the shooting stopped. A 17-year-old Palestinian boy from the other side of the Old City had stabbed a border guard. He ran, and was shot. Later, when I passed the scene, there was only the shade of his blood left on the road.

I arrived in Jerusalem just a couple of days before that incident. I was in South Africa when news of Hamas's attack on Israel broke. My brief was to examine the promise made by

Nelson Mandela in his Nobel Laureate's speech in 1993. They were such different times. Only three months earlier, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestine Liberation Organisation leader

Yasser Arafat signed

a peace treaty on the lawn of the White House. The following year South Africa would hold its first non-racial democratic elections.

In his Nobel speech, Mandela said: "The common humanity that bonds both black and white into one human race will have said to each one of us that we shall all live like the children of paradise."

It was always going to be difficult to match the rhetoric to what might be deliverable. Apartheid left a vast chasm between the lived realities of black and white South Africans.

But even acknowledging that, the South Africa I recently visited seemed a fractured place. Violent crime is soaring. Corruption is rampant. The country is hit with relentless power cuts. Income inequality is the highest in the world. The ruling African National Congress is beset by internal feuding.

Yet there was something at least marginally hopeful that I recognised in my encounters – from a whistle-blower on corruption in Johannesburg, to the fearless opposition mayor of a municipality in KwaZulu-Natal,

Yitzhak Rabin, Bill Clinton and Yasser Arafat at the signing of the Oslo Accord in 1993 Town. It was an older truth of South Africa, the same thing that challenged the monolith of Afrikaner nationalism in apartheid's worst days: the ability of the individual conscience to face up to injustice. The person who said, "This is wrong and I will not go along."

A ROUND SUCH PEOPLE and across society, there are now many who refuse to surrender to hate, and countless small kindnesses, gestures of respect and tolerance that braid the strands of a decent society.

They are there, too, in Jerusalem and in Gaza, in the West Bank, Tel Aviv and across many other cities, towns and villages. Of course, we live in a time of bleak news coming by the hour. Who could have hope, you might ask? What use are pious proclamations about common humanity when the bodies pile higher?

The answer seems to me the same as it was in South Africa when I witnessed the township massacres of the early 1990s, and in Rwanda during the genocide of 1994. If we cease to believe in the possibility of a shared humanity, and to take responsibility for creating this as educated, engaged, caring citizens of a global community, then we will be haunted by fear and endless pain.

South Africa: the Children of Paradise is Monday 8.00pm Radio 4

# RADIO TIMES AT 100

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# THIS WEEK IN RT... 6-12 DECEMBER 1997

Brilliant! Popular BBC sketch series *The Fast Show* was back for a third series. And even though they'd played more than 100 characters between them, the team said they were not slowing down.

It was while former plasterer Paul Whitehouse and Charlie Higson were writing for comedian Harry Enfield that *The Fast Show* was born after a preview tape they made for a BBC press launch was acclaimed in its own right.

The cast revealed the inspiration for some of their more famous creations. So Paul Whitehouse's meandering barrister Rowley Birkin was "a bloke I met salmon fishing in Iceland" and as for "Brilliant!": "My mum thinks he's me when I was a little boy and I really did love everything." MARK BRAXTON

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It's a lovingly handcrafted scene, with the family's Christmas tree - a real two-foot pine shot on a separate stage then scaled-down decked out with buttons, a bobbin, cogs and other shiny things that set designer Georgie Ball imagines were brought to them by friendly rats.

Look closely and you'll see chicken footshaped stockings hanging up, ostensibly knitted by the dim-witted hen Babs (Jane Horrocks), who herself appears in knitted form atop the tree. The stockings are sewn from a ragbag of odd socks donated by staff from the studio's storeroom. "It's a hoarders' paradise," says Ball. "And it's very much a case of hunting for whatever you can find, which is nice as that's what the chickens would do."

A still image can be brutally exposing. Compared to characters moving at 12 frames per second, a different form of meticulousness is needed, with any minor tweak risking throwing the tableau off balance. Rocky's tail and hair feathers have to be just so, while Molly's bonnet is added by hand after she comes out of her mould. Aardman's style bible forbids harsh lines and corners, and all three have to maintain its standard "comedy sausage" mouth shape.

The finished image is an engagingly homespun creation. But in an age when artificial intelligence (aka AI) can conjure up images from beyond the reaches of human imagination within seconds, why do Aardman Animations' resolutely low-tech, stop-motion characters endure? After half a century as a puppet master, studio co-founder Peter Lord has a theory.

"Because you can see how it's done," the 70-year-old says. "There's magic in the sense that these puppets have come to life." Just as the thick brush-strokes visible in Renaissance paintings provide the viewer with an intimate connection - "You can't do it yourself, but you can understand how a human has done it," he says so, too, are Aardman's animators encouraged to leave, or even add, thumbprints in the clay.

"Perfection doesn't interest me much," he says. "It's nice, sometimes, that animation can perfectly imitate real life. But I much prefer it when it gives us the essence of real life and simplifies it."

The paradox, of course, is that it takes a particularly meticulous attention to detail to be this "imperfect". Aardman's latest release, Chicken Run: Dawn of the Nugget, was six years in the making - and comes 23 years since its prequel catapulted the homespun Bristol company, then best known for the Creature

Comforts adverts and TV series and its Oscar-winning Wallace and Gromit shorts, into the Hollywood big league.

Six years in the making, Aardman's

Chicken Run sequel is proud to be

handmade in Britain - and kicks off

RT's festive TV preview

UNDED AND STREAMED by Netflix, the feature-length adventure embraces CGI for its world-building and background characters, but is foregrounded with 200 real models (plus spare parts). It looks and feels quintessentially Aardman - not that that remains easy to define. "British is the cheap answer," says Lord, "but not an insignificant one, when so many animated films are American in their bones. Plus, we do what makes us laugh: silent comedy and slapstick."

From Morph's gibberish language to Wallace's elaborate inventions, there's a rich seam of absurdity in Aardman's work, too. "The whole notion of Chicken Run is totally absurd!" Lord roars. "Chickens are famously stupid and



This consistency of characterisation has attracted a host of companies who want to work with Aardman and buy into its unique style for commercial and creative projects. Such partnerships aren't always sustainable: the original *Chicken Run* was the first fruit of a landmark deal with *Shrek* producer DreamWorks that fizzled out after three films due to creative differences. Lord intimates that it was a formative experience for the company, which today is employeeowned with a hugely loyal workforce. "Whether it's a short, an advert or a film, we always spend time establishing our terms, asking everyone: 'Are we sure what we're taking on here?'" he says. "Being British and stop-motion remains our USP."

Netflix, adds Lord, has had "no questions at all about the story, or the characters' accents, being 'too British', which is something we've heard in the past from other partners."

It's somehow reassuring, too, that despite being movie-length, the streamer is serving up *Dawn* of the *Nugget* as holiday home-viewing. Lord

doesn't miss the "nightmare" rigamarole of the cinema circuit. "It's the most maddening and stupid thing that, after years of hard work, a movie's 'success' is judged on an opening weekend somewhere on the East Coast of America. On a streamer, it can live on for ever, and can find its audience around the world in good time."

As for what's next, Lord says there are "ten, possibly more" projects he has some involvement with, including a planned Wallace and Gromit movie that will reportedly use up the last supplies of the company's preferred clay – the one plant in the world that made it, Newclay Products operating outside Torquay, closed in March. This potential shortage caused huge concern and made headlines recently, but Aardman doesn't anticipate any slowdown and plans, it says,

a "smooth transition to new stock". A more existential threat, perhaps, comes from the rise of AI-generated art, which can conjure Aardman-style creations at the click of a mouse.

Does Lord feel pressure to retool Aardman for the AI age? The studio is, he says, "playing around" with the technology, and he accepts that, however annoying it might feel, AI imitations of its style are a fact of life now.

"If the world moves on so far that nobody cares about stop-motion, we'll adapt. But we will keep doing what we do so well, as long as people want it. And we'll still offer it up to them, even if they don't know they want it." ROBIN PARKER

Chicken Run: Dawn of the Nugget is also in select cinemas from 8 December





# **Mog's Christmas** c4

IF YOU'RE UNDER the age of ten, then Lupus Films owns Christmas. Squirrelled away on three cramped floors above a row of shops in north London, the company's writers, animators and directors have previously brought children's classics We're Going on a Bear Hunt and The Tiger

Who Came to Tea to festive television schedules. Now Lupus, which was launched by Camilla Deakin and Ruth Fielding in 2002, is repeating the trick with Mog's Christmas, Judith Kerr's much-loved story about the white-bibbed tabby cat that likes to eat boiled eggs and lives with Mr and Mrs Thomas and their young children, Nicky and Debbie.

# 'Judith Kerr's children entrusted us with their mother's work'

The 24-minute film features the voices of Benedict Cumberbatch (as Mr Thomas), Claire Foy (Mrs Thomas), Miriam Margolyes (Aunt) and Charlie Higson (Jolly Uncle), and its soundtrack song, As Long as I Belong, written by David Arnold and Oscar-winner Don Black, is performed by Sophie Ellis-Bextor. But the star, of course, is the domestic cat who finds her life is turned upside down when the house fills with people for Christmas.

It all becomes too much for Mog when a strange tree starts moving of its own accord. It's being carried by Mr Thomas, but Mog doesn't



# A VERY MACULA CHRISTMAS

You can't move for animated cats this Christmas – meet Judith Kerr's Mog and Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's Tabby McTat



Who Came to Tea was the Roger Moore of tigers, Mog is the Father Dougal of cats," explains Robin Shaw, director of Mog's Christmas. "She is absolutely lovely but she's not very bright. So, we laugh at what's going on but we also see it from Mog's point of view which is, 'There's a giant Christ-

og's Christmas was first published in 1976 and is the second of 20-odd Mog books. Lupus now has the rights to the entire series. Like The Tiger... it draws on Kerr's own life at home in Barnes, southwest London, which she shared with her husband, the celebrated television writer Nigel Kneale, their children Tacy and Matthew and a succession of family cats, who provided the

Kerr, who died in 2019, lived long enough to approve The Tiger Who Came to Tea but had no input into Mog, so it was left to her children to OK any changes. It's a sign of how comfortable the family are that Tacy Kneale provides the meows and mewls for Mog, part of a frequently joyful soundtrack. "Matthew and Tacy entrusted us with their mother's work," says Fielding. "Having them on board was so important. It's very much based on their childhoods, their family pet - we got insights from them we couldn't get anywhere else."

Kerr, who was a child refugee from Hitler's Germany, created an idealised post-war suburban England of high street greengrocers and whistling postmen. For many people it will be reassuringly nostalgic, but does it speak to modern Britain? "We made a film for an audience of today," says Deakin. "People need to feel included and not as if they're watching something they're not part of - a past that is not inclusive. We have introduced diverse characters. Mrs Gaynor, the mother with the baby, was a new character. She's played by Zawe Ashton and, like Zawe, she's of mixed heritage."

The animation has a starry cast. Why do actors like Kerr's stories so much? "I think actors & like Benedict and Claire do it for their kids," says 🗒 Fielding. "They want to be in something they can watch with their children and say 'that's Mummy!' or 'that's Daddy!'" MICHAEL HODGES



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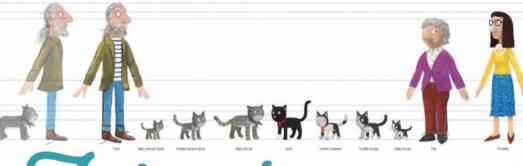
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# Friends Fur Life!

# Tabby McTat

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It's beginning to feel like a very feline Christmas. As well as Mog's Christmas on Channel 4, BBC1 is showing Tabby McTat, the eleventh Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler children's story to be adapted as an animation by London-based Magic Light Pictures. "It's a hugely popular book – Julia and Axel's most popular," says Barney Goodland, producer of the Jodie Whittaker-narrated tale of a singing London cat who is separated from his owner Fred, an ageing busker voiced by Rob Brydon.

Typically, says Goodland, each Magic Light film takes two years, employs between 60 to 120 people, costs £3.5-£4million – and features Rob Brydon, who first lent his voice to the Snake in 2009's *The Gruffalo* and has featured in every animation since.

Though generated on computers with CGI, Magic Light Films have the look and feel of traditional stop-motion animation. "The modellers sometimes work with clay for some elements, just to get a sense of real-world texture, size, weight and things like that," explains Goodland. "So it doesn't feel like polished CGI. We work very hard to make them feel tangible and give them texture,

which I think relates back to Axel's illustration. There is a lot of texture.

"Also, movement is key to animation and the best animators are great at observing

people and things that move. To animate Tabby, the team studied a lot of cat videos – there were endless cat memes and clips getting passed back and forth between us. I'm sure we spiked some YouTube analytics in certain parts of the country for cat videos."

HOSE HOURS OF observation pay off when a distraught Tabby, who has become separated from Fred in a London square, finds a new home with Socks, "a gorgeously glossy and green-eyed cat". Love is in the air and it isn't a spoiler to reveal that we're heading for a happy ending in what is an unashamedly romantic film.

"Christmas is a magical time of year," says Goodland.

**DOUBLE ACT** 

Tabby McTat

"Those shared moments with the people around you as a child stick with you for the rest of your life. If we're adding to that, making people feel good, that's amazing. That's a nice thing to have, it makes you feel good about coming into work."

Still, it would be nice if he could get one over on Channel 4 in the Christmas cat ratings battle? "No! I love *Mog*, I read *Mog* to my children." MH



# Quentin Blake's Box of Treasures BBC1

Quentin Blake, who is now 90 years old, has been producing his distinctive illustrations for the better part of 75 years, and this Christmas the BBC is bringing some of his most beloved books to the screen – Jack and Nancy, Zagazoo, Snuff, Angel Pavement, Loveykins and Mrs Armitage on Wheels – in a programme called Quentin Blake's Box of Treasures.

The series of six half-hour animations comes from Eagle Eye, the production company behind

Quentin Blake's *Clown*. The labour of love took about 200 people, in studios in Ghent, Lille and London, over two years to produce.

Series director and co-writer

Massimo Fenati explains, "It had to be
traditional animation. But Quentin's
style is very loose, very sketchy and
not the easiest style to transfer to
a moving image, because from
page to page there's a lot of
things that make it unique."

Every animator, background artist and colourist had to be trained on how to draw like Blake, which is far from easy. "Quentin often leaves a little blank space between the colour and the border," explains Fenati. "The lines

are not perfectly joined in corners, they might criss-cross where they should finish. Adding all the little imperfections that make it much more Quentin-esque was painstaking."

**BLAKE'S HEAVEN** 

Adrian Lester narrates *Box* of Treasures. Below right:

Blake's drawings come to life

here was nothing digital about the music, either – the score, specially composed for each episode, was performed by the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra. And the voice actors include Adrian Lester (as the narrator), Simon Pegg, Alison Steadman and Nina Sosanya.

Fenati compares meeting Blake for the first time to "meeting Madonna or the Pope". He grew up in Genoa, Italy and studied architecture, where his teachers said, "If you don't sketch something perfectly the first time, you're a failure." But Blake's autobiography, Words and Pictures, showed him that isn't true.

Did Blake approve of the series? "He watched Zagazoo and his assistant told us he was delighted," Fenati says. "You could hear a big 'Phew!' go from Belgium, to France, to London!" LAURA RUTKOWSKI

Quentin Blake's Box of Treasures, Tuesday and Wednesday 6.00pm CBBC





A mysterious encounter on a train sees a young man embroiled in murder in this year's intriguing Christmas Christie

# Murder Is Easy BBC1



FOR THOSE WHO have come to expect a lavish and idiosyncratic Agatha Christie adaptation as the linchpin of their festive viewing, this year's offering will not disappoint. Producers Mammoth

Screen, who previously brought *And Then There Were None* and *Why Didn't They Ask Evans?* to screen, have this time landed on *Murder Is Easy*, based on the novel first published in 1939.

In the two-episode mystery, young gentleman Fitzwilliam (David Jonsson) shares a train carriage with a lady who tells him about a murder or two. When she herself swiftly comes a cropper, Fitzwilliam is moved to travel to her village and embark on his own investigation.

With no Poirot or Marple at the helm, *Murder Is Easy* remains one of Christie's lesser-known titles (with only five previous adaptations; with the Queen of Crime's books, it's all relative), but one that's exactly right for a modern audience, according to executive producer James Gandhi.

"We thought the story could offer an amazing dissection of a seemingly peaceful English village," he explains. "The book was originally set in the 1930s, but we moved it to 1954, meaning we could examine post-war society and the anxiety that came with that. Some people did well, some did badly, and attitudes were definitely changing, so this was a great way into exploring communities at that time."

Just as the book does without the familiar face of either Poirot or Marple, so the success of the drama relies on the presence of David Jonsson (Industry, Rye Lane) to shoulder most of the



scenes, something he does with elegant aplomb. "It was about us finding the actor who could carry this," says Gandhi. "David is about to be in the new *Alien* film, he's going to be a superstar, but we thought no one could do it better, so we went after him."

Without giving away spoilers, this version does differ from the original novel in several

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aspects, something Gandhi hopes will make it fresh for Christie's fans. "Fitzwilliam offers an outsider's perspective looking at the goings-on in the village. Through him, we look at figures representing religion and science, all sorts of different people co-existing and, through him, we spot their idiosyncrasies and oddities - that's his superpower."

probes a series of deaths after a tip-off from Miss Pinkerton (Penelope Wilton, inset)

# 'Agatha Christie creates the puzzle better than anybody else'

Filmed in and around Glasgow this past summer, Murder Is Easy carries the same high production values as previous Christie adaptations from Mammoth and promises the same vintage glamour with a modern kick.

Why do they, and we, always return to Christie for such things? For Gandhi, it's simple. "We all love a whodunnit, and she's the best at it. She just creates the puzzle for us better than anybody else." CAROLINE FROST



# Festive farewell

There's a distinct lack of festive spirit on the set of the Ghosts Christmas special. This could, perhaps, be because it's filming on a bright day in February. But as the cast stands around an enormous Christmas tree that's decked in fairy lights twinkling like stars, there's another sobering spectre at the feast - because, after four years and five series, this episode will be the supernatural sitcom's last.

A festive farewell feels fitting for Ghosts, a comedy that has always managed to complement the silliness of its premise - a group of squabbling ghosts trapped together in an eternal house-share - with the pathos of the season. Take last year's poignant Yuletide special, in which peppy scoutmaster Pat, played (with an arrow through his neck) by Jim Howick, watches home videos from all the family Christmases that he's missed since his death during the 1980s.

Co-writer Mathew Baynton, who also stars in the show as dead Romantic poet Thomas, thinks that it's the perfect time to end the

series. "Ghosts is about family," he says. "And Christmas is a time you get together with your family. It's as simple as that. You may not all get on but, in most households, despite the divisions, there's still deep affection and love. And that's the same here. In the ghosts you've got the conservative grandmother, the slobby uncle, the excited, optimistic girl, the moody

# *'Ghosts* is about family, so it lends itself to Christmas'

teenage brother. That's why the show lends itself to Christmas so well.

"There are lots of ways we could have ended it," Baynton adds, "but I really like the choice that we made. I think it's very fitting."

Looking ahead, Baynton's sceptical about the beloved show's chances of returning for a Gavin & Stacey-style reunion years later after all, how do you reprise ghostly characters who can never age? STEPHEN KELLY



# Doctor Who

BBC1 CHRISTMAS DAY



Doctor Who dominates the schedules this season, with David Tennant's three anniversary specials (which will be shown on BBC1 on 25 November, 2 and 9 December) swiftly followed by a Christmas

adventure introducing new Doctor Ncuti Gatwa.

With Russell T Davies back as showrunner, it's all part of a new dawn for the 60-year-old sci-fi series – and this calls for a redesign of the Tardis. Exit the orange, crystalline columns of Jodie Whittaker's model that was used from 2018 to 2022, and enter something whiter, more clinical and, well, bigger. A lot bigger.

"It's like a cathedral," says producer Vicki Delow. "It takes your breath away, both on screen when it first appears, but also when you walk into it. You feel it."

When RT steps aboard at Bad Wolf Studios in Cardiff, it's hard to deny that assessment. This new Tardis interior is on a larger scale than ever before – to film it, the camera operators have to climb a flight of stairs to a raised platform. Apparently, they've even flown drones in there.

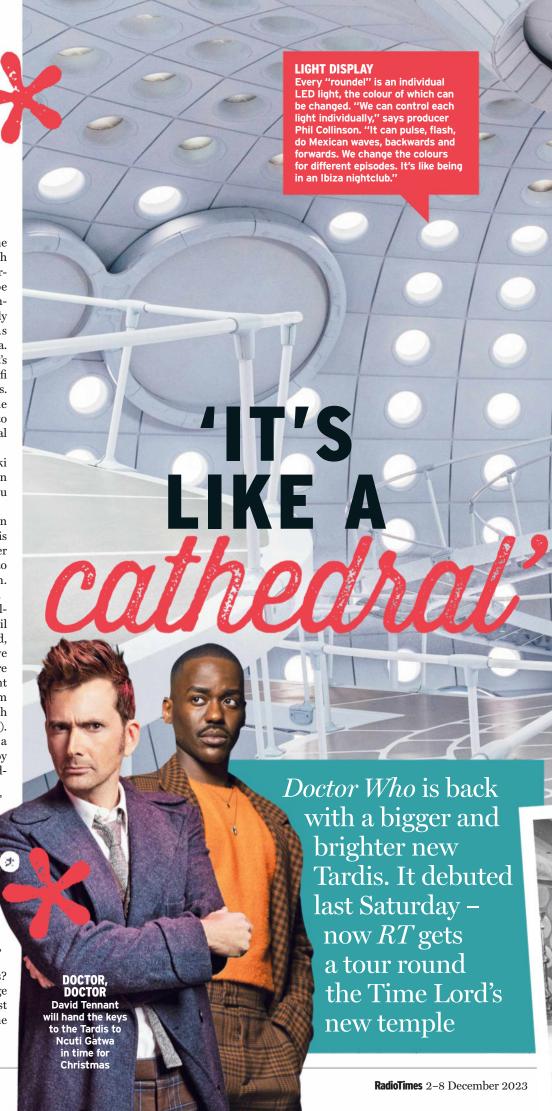
"We're in [studio] stage six, which is the tallest we have at 50 feet," says set designer Phil Sims. "We built it as high as we possibly could, though we couldn't go to 50 feet, because we need to make allowances for lights and structure above it." Originally, it was planned as a giant sphere, although in the end Sims and his team opted for a squatter, doughnut shape, which looks better on screen (and fits under the roof). The new set is also, obviously, bright white – a choice inspired by the original 1963 design by Peter Brachacki, as well as recent alternate Tardises that have paid tribute to it.

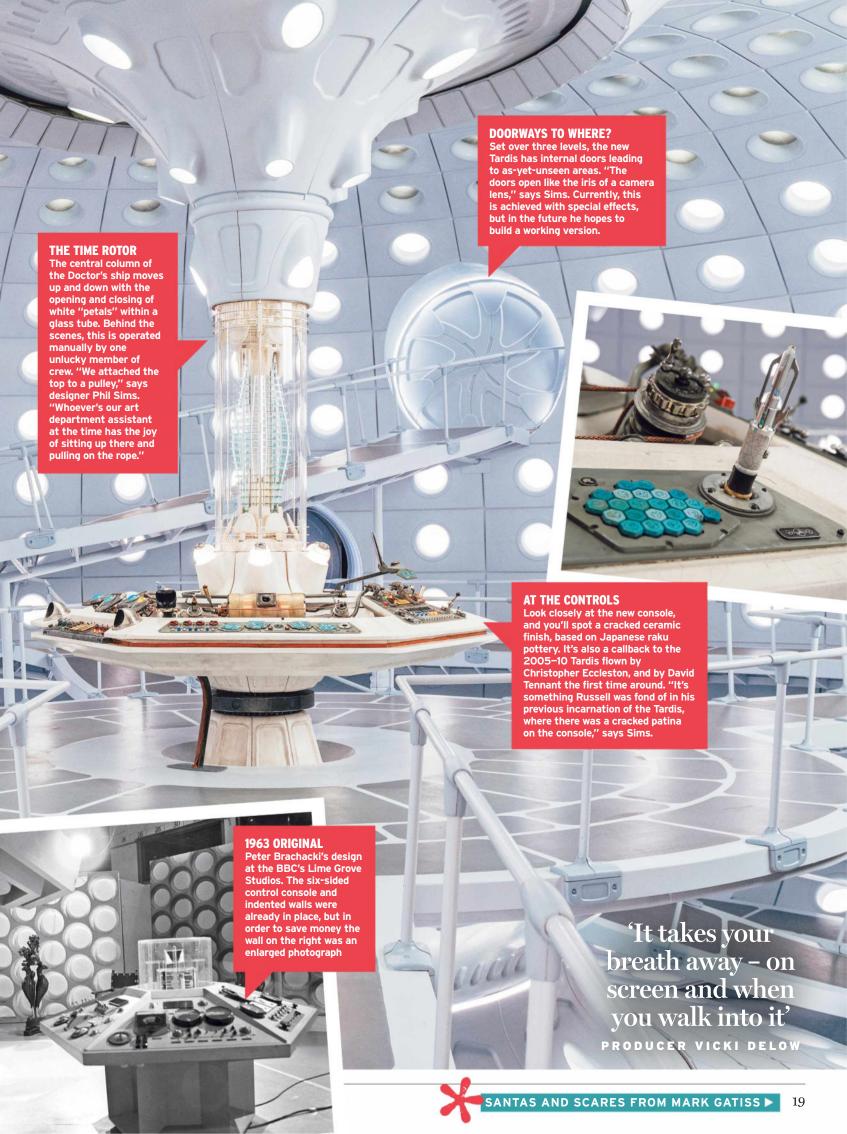
"Russell really wanted it to be white," producer Phil Collinson says. "There's a starkness to it. It's not the warm, comfortable Tardis that's been around since 2005."

The Tardis's standard hexagonal console has also grown in size – each side is now nearly twice the length of the 1963 version and littered with mysterious instruments including a "sonic socket" for the Doctor's screwdriver. There are navigation and engine areas "and the coffee section," Sims adds. Yes, you can now get a latte from the Tardis.

Who said *Who* couldn't move with the times? Although considering there was a coffee spillage on its screen debut, perhaps it wasn't the best choice of accessory – "It does cost us a fortune to clean this white Tardis!" laughs Collinson.

**HUW FULLERTON** 







one of the kids turned around, and said, 'Christmas is s\*\*\*e."

Rather than being affronted, Blaney sympathised with the child - with problems at home and little money, he says, Christmas for many people can become a "pressure cooker". And it got him thinking about how often the best Christmas

with a serious issue, like the cost-of-living crisis and poverty, but was also an uplifting adventure.

"Basically, I started to write a story about the boy who hated Christmas - and then meets Santa Claus." Blaney's 12-yearold hero Mikey (Bamber Todd) actually meets two Santas - one, played by James Blaney says. "It's the sort of yin and yang of these two completely different personalities. One is full of joy and wonder and all these ideas of Christmas. And then the other is a grumpy, gurning cynic. Mikey has to choose between the two of them. Who's going to be his Santa?"

**HUW FULLERTON** 





In a 17th-century
mansion, Mark Gatiss
is hiding from an Egyptian
mummy in a linen cupboard. Or,
to put it another way, he's taking
a quick breather from directing his
latest Christmas ghost story, which
is based on Arthur Conan Doyle's
1892 short story Lot 249.

"It's about three students in a Victorian college," Gatiss explains. "One is essentially prime specimen Victorian manhood, one is a foreign student and one is a necromancer—and he has bought a mummy in an auction. And because of his special knowledge, it may not stay lying down for long.

"It was the first story to have a properly malevolent mummy, as far as I can tell," adds Gatiss. "Doyle invented that. It's as much a horror story for Christmas as it is a ghost story for Christmas."

For Gatiss, it's the latest in a long line of 30-minute Yuletide chillers that have become a staple of the festive schedule since he revived the 1970s format a few years ago. But trying to get them made is still more of a nightmare than any ghost or ghoul he could conjure up.

"People tell me they love them," he says. "But the half-hour slot is a 1970s thing that no longer exists. And so trying to find the money is incredibly difficult." Noting that evrything had to be shot over just four days, he says, "It's very, very tight. But I thought, well, it's only [about] three students. We can do it. And this amazing place fell into our laps, thank God."

The place is Rothamsted Manor in Hertfordshire, now mainly used as a wedding venue (today, a recent seating plan is still propped against a wall). Different parts of the manor house pass for chintzy college rooms and grand dining halls, while a small antechamber is dressed as a remote country cottage, then ripped apart so the props can be reused.

here is one advantage to the short shoot – well-known actors too busy to commit to weeks of filming might be available. This time, Gatiss landed Game of Thrones star Kit Harington alongside Slow Horses' Freddie Fox. "Kit's agent and Freddie's agent moved heaven and earth to make it happen, because they get paid in buttons for this," Gatiss says. "But it's not about that; it's about them wanting to do it.

"The really lovely thing is the response we get from viewers every year. People say it wouldn't be Christmas without it. This is where it belongs — BBC2, Christmas. I'm just trying to preserve the tradition." **HF** 



Attempting to capture this magnificent wildlife spectacle in a blizzard was at times treacherous for the crew – cameras froze in the cold, while a trek along a perilously icy path, with a long drop down a sheer cliff, presented a close call.

arrived on the island of Hornoya, off Norway's Arctic coast, to nest and raise their chicks.

Long-suffering cameraman, Jesse Wilkinson, opened his mouth at "just the wrong moment" as guillemots and puffins flew overhead. The "taste lingers", says a sympathetic Stone. "We found him some water and, I think, a boiled sweet!" Wilkinson's mishap ended up in the behind-the-scenes footage in episode one. "It happened just as we were filming him. It had to go in!" SHERNA NOAH





Striking a chord

SURPRISE HIT *The Piano* is back for a festive special, featuring some of the amateur pianists from the first series. Hosted by Claudia Winkleman, the Channel 4 show followed members of the public playing

pianos at train stations, while being secretly observed by celebrated classical pianist Lang Lang and pop star Mika.

The one-off special, complete with seasonal numbers and Christmas hats, was filmed at London's King's Cross station in October. Did the crew get any funny looks from commuters?

"The wonderful thing we've found is that placing your 'set' in a train station is the perfect live musical environment," says the show's creator Richard McKerrow. "To come across beautiful music spontaneously, when you're least expecting it is great."

McKerrow, also the man behind *The Great British Bake Off*, is delighted that *The Piano* "touched a chord" with viewers: "I like doing shows that people don't expect to work. For five years everyone turned down *Bake Off*!"

After the Christmas special, there will be a documentary on Lucy Illingworth, the blind and autistic teenager who won the first series and went on to perform at the Coronation Concert, with a second series of *The Piano* due next year. But how will the secret element work, now that we all know about Mika and Lang Lang hiding in the wings?

"That's been a big question," says McKerrow, hinting that the show may look slightly different when it returns. "But what we learnt from series one was that people weren't doing it to be on a talent show. And what viewers loved about it

# 'I believe in using television as a force for good'

### RICHARD McKERROW

was the pianists and the music. I think the surprise was a bit of a telly conceit. We don't think it needs it but I may be completely wrong – it will be up to the audience to decide whether they keep watching."

Like *Bake Off, The Piano* is heartwarming TV. "I believe in using television as a force for good," says McKerrow. "At its best it brings people together. Especially at a time when everything isn't great, let's celebrate the good things within people." **SN** 



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WITH TRISTAN AWAY at war and James in training with the RAF, there are fewer candidates for the *All Creatures Great and Small* Christmas "who'll play Santa" tussle. It comes down to either Siegfried or Carmody, but it's still one of the show's non-negotiable festive elements, says executive producer Melissa Gallant.

Other *All Creatures* yuletide essentials being: "the King's speech, good food, romance, an animal story, a scene-stealing moment from

# 'In difficult moments, people laugh and love each other'

pampered Pekingese Tricki Woo, sherry, laughter and a bit of Siegfried swearing." The latter three, presumably, being related.

But this year, things feel different – and not just because recent arrival Oscar the cat is prowling around. With the country at war, for the first time no one at Darrowby's celebrations is related, and women outnumber the men, throwing emphasis onto the local community coming together for Mrs Hall's Christmas feast.

Gallant says the oft-ascribed "war mentality" of the pandemic, with the enforced separation of families over Christmas in 2020 and 2021, was a strong influence on a storyline that continues the themes explored in series four.

"Female friendships have been key," she says. "We're showing that whatever life brings, if we've got people around us who care – whether related or not – we'll be all right. That feels so hopeful."

Torn between professional duty and the imminent birth of his child, James's story looks set to be particularly emotional, while Carmody's lack of Christmas spirit brings the humour. Viewers will certainly be put through the wringer, as *All Creatures* sticks to its credo of being neither "too silly nor too earnest," Gallant says.

"In difficult moments, people laugh and love each other. It's what I love about the spirit of the show: they're always outward-looking. Class barriers dissolve as they realise that their need for each other is what they have in common." ROBIN PARKER

# AND DONT FORGET THESE!

# **13** CALL THE MIDWIFE BBC1

Set two weeks before Christmas in 1968, as Apollo 8 prepares to enter lunar orbit, Sister Monica Joan (Judy Parfitt) doesn't think she'll live to see a man walk on the Moon.

# **14** DEATH IN PARADISE BBC1

Commissioner Patterson (Don Warrington) is thwarted when he plans a big event to switch on the Christmas lights.

# **15** BEYOND PARADISE BBC1

The UK's mostwatched new drama series of the year has its first Christmas special. Kris Marshall and Sally Bretton star.

# **16** THE REPAIR SHOP BBC1

The repairers are tasked with restoring items that are full of Christmas memories.

# **17** NOT GOING OUT BBC1

Lee Mack's hit sitcom turns 100 with a dead ringer for Santa.

# 18 STRICTLY COME DANCING

Six new celebrities strut their stuff, with a special performance by Eurovision star Sam Ryder.

# **19** THE GREAT BRITISH BAKE OFF C4

Paul Hollywood and Prue Leith welcome bakers of Christmas past and are treated to a performance by the Citizens of the World Choir.

# **20** THE GREAT POTTERY THROW DOWN C4

Hugh Dennis, Alice Levine, Sophie Duker and Joe Swash craft a Christmas birdhouse.

### 21 THE MASKED SINGER ITV1

Four new famous faces take to the stage.

### 22 MRS BROWN'S BOYS BBC1

Cathy (Jennifer Gibney) offers to cook dinner for the first time ever. What can go wrong?

### 23 SISTER BONIFACE MYSTERIES DRAMA

When Sister Boniface's (Lorna Watson) train is stranded in the snow, a passenger is killed.

# **24** THE MADAME BLANC MYSTERIES C5

Before series three airs, enjoy the return of antiques dealer Jean White (Sally Lindsay).

# **25** MORTIMER AND WHITEHOUSE: GONE FISHING

BBC2 Bob, Paul and Ted the dog head to Scotland to fish for salmon.





# DEEP DIVE WITH WHALES

**Steve Backshall** held his breath for six minutes to swim with nature's largest mammals. But how do we know they are 200 years old?

INTERVIEW BY EMMA COX

TEVE BACKSHALL IS standing on the deck of a boat, pulling off his wetsuit and snorkel, eyes glistening with excitement and emotion. "Wow! That was absolutely bonkers. Did you see that?"

Did I see what? It's hard to know which direction to look in: we're in the middle of the Atlantic just off the Azores and there are hundreds of whales and dolphins as far as the eye can see, breaching and puffing ten-feet-high sprays of mist out of their blowholes to the north, south, east and west of our vessel.

Even for the seasoned wildlife presenter this is something special. I'm on location for Sky Nature series Whale with Steve Backshall, and I could hardly have picked a better day to watch the presenter at work: he's just been freediving alongside this vast number of cetaceans that have been attracted to the area by huge bait balls of fish.

What's more, Backshall has just had a very unusual encounter below the surface of the crystal-clear waters. "We just saw a sei whale mother with two calves, playing together, nuzzling each other," he says, still breathless. "Sei whales are known for being incredibly fast, very food-orientated, and not in any way interested in divers, so our chances of seeing them were slender.

"But these youngsters were rubbing their bodies against the female, nudging her with their heads. You don't need to be a biologist to interpret that extraordinary display of affection. When you see a mother interacting with youngsters, it just hits you right here – you get this emotional connection to an animal which is very beautiful. That is some-



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 □ ground, I learn that the rest of the Whale shoot – filmed in loca- tions including the Bahamas, the Arctic Circle and the UK – was also blessed with good fortune.

Backshall swam with hump-backs and dolphins, as well as orcas – another highlight. "We had this lone female orca swimming with us for more than an hour. She was zapping us with her sonar, we could feel it resonating through our bodies. She was swimming alongside the boat, rolling onto her back to show us her tummy."

turn-around for a group of animals that were largely on the brink of extinction a few years ago until whaling was banned in most countries. The last whale kill in the Azores was in 1987, well within most people's lifetime. Today the former whale hunters are employed on hill tops as spotters to help scientists and TV crews locate the whales.

"People who made a living from

killing something now make a living preserving them: that's the best possible scenario and seeing it happen here is extraordinary," says Backshall. "What is particularly moving is how many of the species still want to interact with humans despite the fact that most of them are easily old enough to remember whaling ships.

"Whaling is one of the reasons we know how old they are. Scientists were finding whales that had jade harpoon heads in their blubber and they were saying, 'Hang on, nobody's used those for about 200 years, so these animals must be really old.'

"Then they found unexploded harpoon tips in the blubber of boneheads that actually had dates on them. That's when they realised whales were probably the oldest invertebrates in the

world. And yet you still get whales that will come up to tourist and scientist ships and interact with us. My crew have been in tears, it's been so moving to see."

Backshall says it's more than he could ever have dreamt of when he set out on this career as a young man. "I remember being quite disappointed in the fact that so much of the world's exploration and discovery had been done decades ago, and I would never get a chance to discover anything for myself," he says.

"Then you start delving into the depths of the ocean



and you realise we know nothing. For the vast majority of human history we've known nothing about whales, apart from those few seconds that we see them spouting at the surface, or when they've been taken in whaling.

"The deepest, darkest parts of the ocean, where humans could not go, were entangled with all the myths and legends that haunted the imaginations. It's only very recently that we've started being able to dip our toes into what their world is actually like."

N 2021 I ACCOMPANIED Backshall to the COP26 climate change conference in Glasgow and even though I have interviewed dozens of A-list Hollywood stars, I have never seen such a fan frenzy: he needed security

to get through crowds of enthralled young people who grew up watching his work for children's TV such as the BBC1 series *Deadly 60*.

Many in the crowd were biologists and students who told him that they had been inspired by

him, and it's easy to see why. Not only is he a talented naturalist, but he brims with enthusiasm and passion.

Part of this is his natural, boyish demeanour; but he also admits to deliberately having an air of positivity in his shows in order to engage people with the subject of conservation.

"Messaging is so complex now," he says. "You have to be so aware of the conservation fatigue that people are going through. There's a lot of planetary angst that people are suffering so you can't hammer it too hard or you'll lose them. I think it's very important to focus on the positives and let people see that conservation works."

He recognises that it's a hard balance to get right. "When people can't afford to put their heating on, are they really going to care about pollution destroying the pathways of humpback whales?

"There are an awful lot of things that are almost disappearing under the radar which, a year ago, would have had the nation up in arms, but because we are – for good reasons – obsessing over 45p tax rates and the cost of living crisis, of course we're not

thinking quite so much about sewage in the environment and habitat destruction... Obviously, to me, those are much higher priorities. But these are tricky times."

IVEN HIS POPULARITY, coupled with the fact he has publicly said he wants to spend less time travelling and more time at home with his family – Olympic rower wife Helen Glover and their three children, Logan, five, and twins Kit and Willow, who turn four in January – would he consider going into politics, I wonder?

"I have been, for a long time, trying to figure out if there is a good way for me to get involved in politics," he says slowly. "I did consider running as a candidate for the Greens. I spent a good amount of time researching and trailing various candidates. I came to the conclusion that it would involve a huge amount of time starting from scratch, re-learning, with the very best-case scenario ending up [with me] working as a councillor sorting out people's parking issues. And actually the position that I'm in right now has much more possibility to change things.

"So I put that to one side. I then tried to get Defra [the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs] to take me on in some way: they said yes, but nothing came of it after two years. So I guess I'm trying to figure out what the best thing for me to do might be.

"I would love to find a way of actually making the most amount of difference. Watch this space. Maybe next time we meet will be under very different circumstances."





# **FOOTBALL**

# **GIVE IT A LASH!**

Aussie Ange Postecoglou's daring football has invigorated Spurs. But is it worth the gamble.

asks **Simon Barnes** 



ONE OF THE facts of big-time sport is that sooner or later its participants end up standing before the world as they really are. All dissembling and bluff set aside. So,

what would you do if you were a football manager, the score was 1–1 and your team was down to nine men?

Ange Postecoglou, manager of Tottenham Hotspur, went for the win. For some people this was unforgivable and reckless folly against all footballing logic. And of course, it failed – Chelsea beat them 4–1.

Spurs opened the season by going top of the table with ten unbeaten games of free-flowing football. And against Chelsea they were a disallowed goal away from making the scoreline an unlikely 2–2. So did the wild quest for glory lift your heart? Or did it annoy you with its contempt for the way football is usually played?

# 'Celtic took a punt on Ange. In two years he won the title twice'

This Sunday, Spurs face Manchester City in the Premier League. Never in a million seasons would City manager Pep Guardiola, down to nine men, say, "All right, let's give it a lash" – not least because his team would never put themselves in such a position in the first place.

Postecoglou tells his players to be brave. "If it doesn't work, it's on me. So don't play with any fear," he said last month. What Guardiola tells his players is probably best expressed in algebraic notation and geometrical diagrams with a brief explanation of the Magnus effect on the spinning ball thrown in.

All the same, they're both hot-blooded men whose passion for football runs far deeper than mere love. They are also wildly different personalities. If they were literary characters, Guardiola would be Valmont, calculating lady-killer of *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*; Postecoglou would be

Heathcliff in Wuthering Heights.

But this is sport, not love, and what's important is how many goals go on the scoresheet and points are on the table. "It's brutal mate," as Postecoglou himself would say.

Postecoglou is a fair-dinkum Australian and also an *authentikós* Greek. It's not an obvious background for a top-flight manager, which is why it's taken him 27 years to get where he is now. He played for South Melbourne and "always wanted to be a manager", thanks especially to the coaching he received at the club from Hungarian legend Ferenc Puskas.

Subsequent success followed in Australian dugouts both at club and national team level, and although trophies in that part of the

world don't tend to impress European clubs much, Celtic took a punt on "Big Ange" in 2021. In two years he won the title twice.

So Spurs nabbed him and he piloted them on their flying start with a stated aim to excite the fans – not just with victory but with spirit, verve and attacking play. After years of suffering the constipated football of Jose Mourinho and Antonio Conte, it was as if Spurs could be themselves again. "I want to bring them joy," Postecoglou

said. "But they need to understand there will be some suffering within that." That's already come with injuries and suspensions, much of it stemming from that mad game against Chelsea. Perhaps Postecoglou's flat-out style needs a squad that's deeper in quality. The January transfer window could be significant.

HAVE-A-GO HERO Ange Postecoglou

of the Australian

Under 20s team

applauds Spurs fans and, inset left, as a coach

NE THING THAT Postecoglou and Guardiola have in common is that they're both trying to do the impossible. Both have a romantic vision of the way football should be played – it's just different. Guardiola dreams of total control, football elevated to a state of perfection with 100 per cent possession.

Postecoglou's dream is more visceral. As the England Test cricket team under Brendon McCullum seek to attack at every opportu-

nity in what's been termed Bazball, so Spurs are doing the same thing in a style that's been called Angeball.

I'm not convinced that they'll tear Manchester City to shreds, but they'll give it a lash, mate. And what if they have more multiple sendings-off? Ange has already answered that one. "If we go down to five men, we'll still give it a go."

Manchester City v Tottenham Hotspur is Sunday 4pm (k/o 4.30pm) Sky Sports Main Event/PL; 4.30pm 5 Live



PICK OF THE WEEK'S SPORT ON TV

### **FOOTBALL**

WOMEN'S NATIONS LEAGUE SCOTLAND v ENGLAND Tuesday 7.30pm (k/o 7.45pm) BBC1, 5 Sports Extra The Lionesses travel

to Hampden Park.

## **FOOTBALL**

LA LIGA: BARCELONA v ATLETICO MADRID Sunday 7.30pm (k/o 8pm) ITV4 A rare chance to see some Spanish football live on terrestrial TV.

### **SNOOKER**

**UK CHAMPIONSHIP** 

Saturday 1pm and 6.30pm; Sunday 1pm and 7pm **BBC2** The semi-final and final at York Barbican. Last year Mark Allen went home victorious.

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# Smart IV CAROLINE FROST

# A COMFORTING BETRAYAL

Today's TV melodramas provide predictable escapism

A CABIN IN the woods. A gunshot. A beautiful woman seemingly fleeing for her life. It's all very dreamy, desperate and gothic. Cut to the comforting confines of a typical British cul-de-sac. Men polishing cars, women hanging out washing, youngsters playing Swingball like it's 1976. Welcome to the world of Channel 4's The Couple Next Door, the latest primetime suburban melodrama with its two essential lessons: nobody is what they seem, and anyone's seemingly perfect world can quickly fall apart.

In this particular case, those falling-apart worlds belong to married couple Pete and Evie (played by Alfred Enoch and Eleanor Tomlinson) and, frankly, he has it coming. "I can almost feel the curtains twitching already," he says, by way of introduction.

Instantly, we know exactly what's in store for these six episodes: dinner parties (on week nights!) with impossibly large wine glasses and chatter of spas and sports days; a chance remark sows an acorn of emotional doubt, prompting

phone and/or email snooping helped by strangely guessable passwords. Such betrayal will no doubt provoke a storm of fire and revenge, shock made real with the smash of said wine glass.

Supporting characters include an all-seeing neighbour forever stationed on their front drive and – my personal favourite – another neighbour furnished with binoculars, self-loathing and far too much time on their hands.

For those viewers who like to set their watches by the plot turns of such dramas, *The* 

Couple Next Door is just the ticket.

The enduring appeal of this genre relies on the tension between relatability, aspiration and, ultimately, relief: "Oh, that's so me" (character rushing out of the door, returning for a kiss and/ or keys); "Oh, I wish that were me" (the perfect decking in the garden, friends instantly available for spontaneous barbe-

cues); and then, finally, "Oh, I'm so glad that's not me" (cabin, woods, gunshot, etc).

The show that has most successfully tapped into this tension in recent times is *Doctor Foster*, with Suranne Jones's haunting portrayal of a

'We've traded kitchensink dramas for kitchen-island dramas'

woman who has everything – a great job (GP), a beautiful home (yes, decking), brighteyed young son and apparently loving husband

 until life goes into freefall with the discovery of a long blonde hair on her husband's scarf.

In the five short hours of the first series, she's breaching all her medical ethics, scratching people's cars – and that's before we get to *that* dinner party.

It's all very embarrassing but not life-threatening and herein, I believe, lies the appeal. While this and other such dramas touch on serious themes – Gemma Foster's mental health becomes increasingly strained, while her toxic husband is clearly guilty of gaslighting – it's only emotional and social worlds caving in, not physical ones. No one becomes definitively poor, has their house repossessed or struggles with the social care system to look after an ailing relative.

FOUR'S A CROWD Alfred Enoch, Eleanor

Tomlinson, Jessica De

Gouw and Sam Heughan in *The Couple Next Door* 

HATEVER FIRES OF fury rage down in damnation on an errant spouse, the cars remain shiny, the gardens pristine. We've traded in kitchen-sink dramas – as political as they were creative, with their unblinking eye focused on how many people really lived – for kitchen-island dramas; far less real, so much less frightening to sit through.

If Cathy of *Cathy Come Home* came home today, she'd discover her kitchen wall had been knocked through to create a family living space with glass bifolding doors. We can enjoy these ballets of betrayal in the confines of cul-de-sacs, but let's not fall for the idea that this is psychological drama when, for an increasing number, it's escapist fiction. It is a lucky few people who have the luxury of a wine glass to drop.

The Couple Next Door continues on Monday and Tuesday 9pm Channel 4





# **RADIO TIMES & SMART TV PODCASTS**

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# YOUR TV WEEK STARTS HERE

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# **Netflix**



## **DOCUMENTARY** Black Is the New Black All 4 eps available from 1 December

Originally shown in 2016, when it was one of the highlights of the Corporation's Black and British season, this documentary series uses programme-maker Simon Frederick's trademark exquisite lighting to bring a painterly flair to interviews with famous black Britons. Lenny Henry, Thandiwe Newton, Naomi Campbell and others talk about the barriers they had to demolish in order to succeed. However aware of ingrained racism you think you are, there are lessons here, but the



series' main objective is to celebrate

those victories. JACK SEALE

### **CRIME DRAMA**

### **Blood Coast**

All 6 episodes available Wednesday

Marseille's reputation as a sweltering hotbed of criminality may or may not be fair, but it's the impression given by a new, violent French drama. A druglord arrives from out of town and promises to make the coastal city his new patch, which - as you can imagine - isn't received well by the existing kingpin. As a bloodbath looms, a gang of crack police enforcers, who don't play by the rules, have recruited a female agent who might have her own agenda. Before long, everyone is shooting at someone. Tewfik Jallab, Jeanne Goursaud and Nicolas Duvauchelle star. JS



## **TEEN ROMANCE** My Life with the **Walter Boys**

All 10 eps available from Thursday A wholesome teen romance, based on the novel by Ali Novak and from the studio that made the Kissing Booth movies. Fifteen-year-old Jackie (Nikki Rodriguez) moves from glitzy Manhattan to small-town Colorado when her parents die - her new guardian is her mother's best friend, a mother of 10, so there is a lot to adjust to as Jackie quickly becomes the talk of the community. Then she meets two brothers, one gentle and bookish, the other intense and mysterious. You might be able to guess what happens next, but an old story is freshly told. JS



# **DOCUMENTARY American Symphony**

★★★ 12 Available 29 December

This intimate portrait focuses on musician Jon Batiste, co-writer of the Oscar- and Grammywinning score for Pixar's Soul. The film charts Batiste's attempt to compose a symphony that breaks the classical mould, while his partner, Suleika Jaouad, undergoes chemotherapy for leukaemia. The toll on Batiste is clear, and director Michael Heineman struggles to coax him into lowering his defences on camera. Yet the music is moving, Jaouad's courage is humbling, and Batiste's ability to create and perform during such a difficult time is inspirational. DAVID PARKINSON





# SITCOM Fresh Off the Boat

All 6 series available 6 December



It was never a hit over here, but this agreeable US sitcom from 2015 ran for six seasons over

there and is a minor gem. Based loosely on the experiences of TV chef Eddie Huang, it follows a Taiwanese-American family as they move from Chinatown in Washington DC, to the white community of Orlando, Florida, where their Asian restaurant will be the only one for miles. Standard jokes about parenting and coming of age mix neatly with warm character drama and enlightening comment on the immigrant experience. **JS** 

## **FANTASY** Frozen ★★★★ 🖭

Available now

- to make

your telly

Unbelievably, this snowy fantasy – the third-highest grossing animated movie of all time – is celebrating its tenth anniversary this month. Idina Menzel voices Elsa, whose dangerous powers prompt her to flee her kingdom, leaving behind her younger sister, Anna (Kristen Bell). The songs are superb, but there's fun, too, in the form of snowman Olaf. Frozen, its sequel and spin-offs are all available to stream, or simply pop on the Arendelle Castle Yule Log a flickering

animated fire instantly cosy and festive. **ALAN JONES** 

# **STREAMING**

# **Apple TV+**





# SPY DRAMA Slow Horses

Episode 3 available Wednesday

The new season takes flight with a real belter of an episode. Immediately the action is elevated by the return of both Sophie Okonedo as ice-cool MI5 boss Ingrid Tearney and Samuel West as Peter Judd, a greasy far-right snake who is somehow the Home Secretary. While they spar over his plan to privatise the security services, the Standish kidnapping is over - but there's a lot more to it than that and, after a lot of delicious threats, scams and power plays, we arrive at a point where nobody is in control. Apart from Jackson Lamb (Gary Oldman), of course, who is in forceful, flatulent form. JACK SEALE



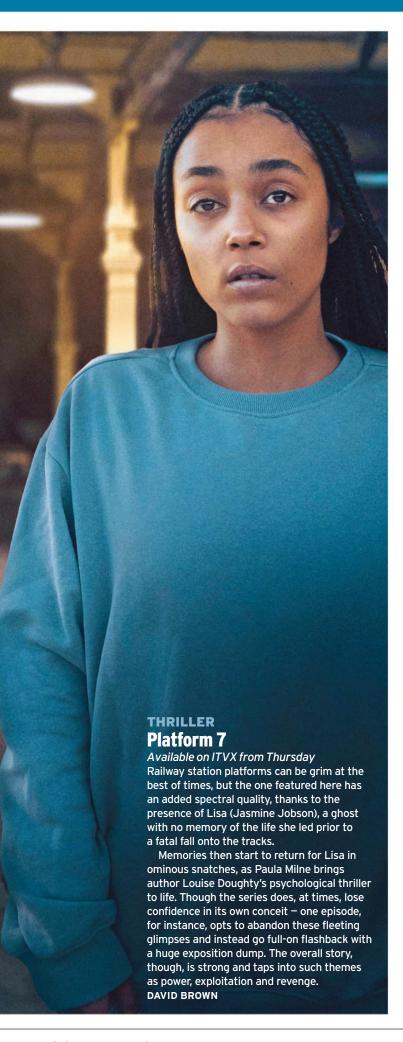
# PERIOD DRAMA The Buccaneers

Episode 7 available Wednesday

It's New Year's Eve at the Brittleseas, but who will Nan (Kristine Froseth) be with at the stroke of midnight? The American girl breaking hearts in 1870s England still has stout duke Theo (Guy Remmers) and his dashing but impecunious best friend Guy (Matthew Broome) on the boil and, while it might have seemed that those two had revealed their resentments last week, they'll happily do it again if it leads to another grand emotional pay-off. The women in Nan's family in bad marriages, meanwhile, are realising what they've done and have a big decision to make in next week's finale. JS

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## **DOCUMENTARY**Thriller 40

Available Saturday

Get ready to separate the art from the artist: this American documentary celebrates Thriller by Michael Jackson as a classic, game-changing piece of work, looking both at how it shaped the sound of modern popular music, and at how the videos and dance routines accompanying the album created a new kind of pop superstar. Four decades years on, Usher, Mary J Blige, will.i.am, Mark Ronson, Maxwell and John Landis are among those paying tribute to the way Jackson personally had an artistic vision nobody else could conceive - and then achieved it. JS



## **DRAMA**The Curse

Episode 4 available from Saturday Can you stand it? There's never been a drama guite like this one. Starring Nathan Fielder and Emma Stone as self-interested wannabe TV stars, it brings gentrification and a chaotically produced home makeover show to a Latino community in New Mexico that didn't ask to be helped and is often, justifiably, hostile to these middle-class intruders. As Fielder and Stone's characters career from one cringingly awkward disaster to the next, the story and shooting style – long, unbroken scenes in which the awkwardness just keeps rising – are unique. You can bet it will only get weirder. JS

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# **STREAMING**

## Now



#### **ADVENTURE**

## The Three Musketeers: D'Artagnan ★★★★ 🗉

Available now

Alexandre Dumas's oftenfilmed novel is brought to life
by a charismatic European cast.
François Civil is D'Artagnan, who
crosses swords with, and later joins,
the musketeers loyal to King Louis
XIII (Louis Garrel). Old-fashioned in
the best way, the film benefits from
period-perfect stylings and excellent
turns from Vincent Cassel, Eva Green
and Phantom Thread's Vicky Krieps.
Sequel The Three Musketeers: Milady
is in cinemas from 15 December.

JAMES MOTTRAM



## **BFI Player**



### DRAMA Plan 75 \*\*\* ©

Available now

Free to subscribers, this
Japanese film is a crafty blend
of sci-fi, satire and social realism. In
a near-future society overburdened
by an ageing population, anyone
over 75 can agree to be euthanised.
The focus falls on two candidates:
78-year-old Michi (Baisho Chieko)
and widower Yukio (Takao Taka).
Debut director Chie Hayakawa gives
thought to how society might foster
a dignity-in-dying service, and while
some will find the obliqueness
frustrating, this is a chilling tale
about the way we view death. JM

## To rent/buy



### DRAMA Brother \*\*\*\* 回

Available now

The tight bond between two Jamaican-Canadian brothers sits at the heart of this lyrical, devastating drama from writer/director Clement Virgo. An imposing Francis (Aaron Pierre) tries to shield the younger, quieter Michael (Lamar Johnson) from the violent tensions of their neighbourhood, while their single mother (Marsha Stephanie Blake) works overtime to make ends meet. Set to an expressive soundtrack, this is an emotionally powerful yet intimate portrait of black masculinity. KEVIN HARLEY



#### **DOCUMENTARY**

## Welcome to the Darkness ★★★★ 🗉

Available from Monday

The Darkness burst onto the music scene in 2003 with a bombastic glam-rock style. After one album, the band imploded when lead singer Justin Hawkins went into rehab. This endearing, often funny documentary chronicles their attempts to reclaim their stadium status two decades later. Far from shirking any *Spinal Tap* comparison, this film embraces it, with reflective and raw insights from Hawkins and his bandmates amid the selfmocking. **DAVE GOLDER** 

#### DRAMA

Past Lives ★★★ 🖸 Available from 1 December

Celine Song's nuanced indie romantic drama is a graceful, sensitive film about unrequited passions and what happens when the stars don't quite align. It begins with two young Korean best friends being separated by a family move to Toronto. Twelve years later, budding playwright Nora (Greta Lee) gets back in touch with Hae Sung (Teo Yoo), and old emotions are stirred in an elegant tear-jerker that subtly captures the realities of love. Beautifully shot and performed, this film will be talked about for years to come. JM



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#### **SPORT**

### Football: the FA Cup

12.15pm (k/o 12.30pm) **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

Many football fans overlook the FA Cup's early stages, thinking that the storied "magic of the Cup" only arrives with the Premier League teams in the third round proper. This weekend's second round has plenty of fairy-tale credentials, though, starting here in Derbyshire. Alfreton Town, of English football's sixth division, host League Two's Walsall at their 3,600-capacity ground.

And similar fixtures of charming modesty follow throughout the weekend, with Eastleigh welcoming Reading and Yeovil Town visiting Wrexham tomorrow (k/o1.30pm ITV1 and 3.45pm ITVX), before Ramsgate of the eighth tier take on AFC Wimbledon on Monday night (7.45pm ITV4). MAX COPEMAN

## **DOCUMENTARY**

### **Greg LeMond:** the Last Rider

7.00pm **Sky Documentaries** Catch up via Sky Go

In 1986, cyclist Greg LeMond became not just the first American, but the first non-European, to win the men's race at the Tour de France. That alone would be enough to make a fairly gripping sports documentary, but that's just the beginning.

Within a year, LeMond was lying in hospital, his body peppered with shotgun wounds after a hunting accident. One of the 45 pellets was pressing so hard on an artery that if it had gone 100th of a millimetre deeper, he'd have died. Physically wrecked, dropped by his team, mired in depression, LeMond dragged himself back into the sport. The story of how he went on to win the 1989 Tour is inspirational. CERI THOMAS

### **ENTERTAINMENT** Strictly Come Dancing

7.25pm **BBC1** 

Catch up via iPlayer

Fans were up in arms that a 40 didn't materialise earlier on this series. At Blackpool, both Layton Williams and Ellie Leach's tantalising 39s had the rest of the celebrities and professionals chanting "40! 40! 40!" in the "Clauditorium" (the almost

painfully twee name for Claudia Winkleman's debriefing zone). And yet it's not unheard of for that

elusive perfect score to go unseen until the dying moments of the run. In 2015, it wasn't until the final that all four judges got out their 10 paddles, and in 2019 we had to wait until Musicals Week to see a 40. Regardless of scoring, tonight's Musicals Week will doubtless produce some memorable performances. FRANCES TAYLOR TV PREVIEWS EDITOR

### **DOCUMENTARY**

### Concorde: the **Race for Supersonic**

8.25pm **C4** 

Catch up via C4 streaming Concorde goes to (cold) war with its

Soviet competitor – a rivalry that ends in tragedy for the latter – in the concluding episode of this two-parter examining the dramatic rise and fall of the world's first supersonic airliner. In the wake of a worldwide ban on supersonic flights over land, passengers turn to jumbo jets.

Concorde was supposed to be at the vanguard of a new epoch of affordable international travel, but it eventually became an elite plaything for jetsetters with deep pockets.

The dream was compromised, but the fêted plane soldiered on for two more decades until a tragic accident brought the story to a close in 2003. PAUL WHITELAW

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### **ALSO ON TODAY**

#### The Voice UK

7.55pm ITV1
Desperate to get those red chairs spinning, another bunch of would-be stars give it their all at the blind auditions.

#### **Survivor**

8.25pm **BBC1**This week's reward challenge is a real test of memory, while the immunity challenge may give the players a

nasty sinking feeling.



I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! 9.25pm ITV1 Ant and Dec (left) review events in camp over the past 24 hours as the contestants face their final week.

#### DOCUMENTARY

### Sandringham: the King at Christmas

8.25pm **Channel 5** Catch up via My5

As much of what goes on at the Norfolk estate over the festive season is kept private, there's talk of the "rumoured" guest list, as well as plenty of sentences that begin "We suspect that..." All that's really offered up as fact about recent activities at Sandringham is that King Charles has fixed a wonky lift.

Instead, we get a review of the royal year (Harry is accused by the talking heads of "trolling" his dad with the publication of *Spare*) and reminiscences of Christmasses past. One interesting morsel: the late Queen was so adept at recording her annual broadcast that she was apparently known as "one-take Windsor". **DB** 

### DRAMA

#### Hidden Assets 9.00pm, 9.50pm BBC4

9.00pm, 9.50pm **BBC4** Catch up via iPlayer

A crime-drama collaboration between Ireland and Belgium, this comprises two half-decent series that together make a half-decent whole. As season two begins, one location compensates for the shortcomings of the other. In Limerick, the Criminal Assets Bureau has a new boss (Nora-Jane Noone replaces Angeline Ball). Claire Wallace is focused and business-like but conflicted between work and motherhood. While Wallace and her team deal with an initially dull cyber-attack, it's all going off in Antwerp, where a new drugs gang precipitates a shooting, a car bomb and a garroting. The show's two halves will be forced back together soon enough. JACK SEALE

### **DOCUMENTARY**

#### Lockerbie

9.00pm **Sky Documentaries** Catch up via Now

The investigation into the 1988 attack on Pan Am flight 103 was a painstaking process. Tiny fragments of packaging and clothing found in the debris sent the investigators to Frankfurt and then Malta, while (overlooked) evidence from Vienna suggested Libya was involved.

Neatly combining observations from the investigators with heart-breaking personal stories – in particular those of Jim Swire and Victoria Cummock – this also focuses on two Lockerbie women who were among the volunteers who washed, ironed and folded the victims' clothing so they could be returned to relatives as a tangible memory of their loved ones. JANE RACKHAM

### **LIVE SPORT**



#### Football: Premier League Nottingham Forest v Everton

5.00pm (k/o 5.30pm) **Sky Sports Main Event** 

Forest manager Steve Cooper (above) remains a fans' favourite as he seeks to establish the team in the top tier.

#### Football: Euro 2024 Draw

5.15pm **BBC2** 

From Hamburg, with England and Scotland among the 24 teams finding out their groups in Germany next summer.

#### Snooker: UK Championship

1.00pm, 4.30pm, 6,30pm **BBC2**Semi-final action from
York Barbican.

# FILM OF THE DAY



#### P The Father \*\*\*\*\* 12

9.25pm **C4** 

This drama from writer/director Florian Zeller, based on his own play, sees Anthony Hopkins giving an Oscar-winning performance as a man living with dementia. Olivia Colman co-stars as his daughter, whose concern grows as his mental state deteriorates. (2020)

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# SATURDAY Main Channels

#### **DAYTIME**

6.00am Breakfast Sarah Campbell, Charlie Stayt. (S) (HD) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live Matt Tebbutt is joined by chefs Tony Singh and Jane Baxter to cook dishes for James Blunt. Olly Smith serves the refreshments. (S) (HD) 11.30 Simply Nigella Nigella Lawson offers ideas for winter feasts to share with loved ones. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12 noon BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

12.15pm LIVE FA Cup Match of the Day Alfreton Town v Walsall Alex Scott hosts coverage of the second-round tie at North Street (kick-off 12.30). Highlights tomorrow 6pm BBC2. See page 40. (S) (HD)

**GBBC RED BUTTON 2.30-5.15** Final Score

Jason Mohammad presents the afternoon's football scores 2.45-4.30 LIVE Snooker Further coverage of the opening UK Championship semi-final in York, played over the best of 11 frames. Continues on BBC2. (S) (HD)

6.05am Hey Duggee (R) (S) (HD) 6.20 Supertato (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **6.30 Shaun the Sheep** (R) (S) (HD) **6.45** Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed! (R) (S) (HD) 6.55 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese (R) (S) (HD) 7.10 Grizzy and the Lemmings (R) (S) (HD) 7.25 Pokémon: Sun and Moon - Ultra Legends (R) (S) (HD) 7.45 Deadly Mission Shark With Steve Backshall. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **8.15** Blue Peter (R) (S) (HD) **8.45** Newsround (S) (HD) 8.55 Around the World in 80 Gardens Including the wonders of Kent's Sissinghurst Castle. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.55 The Tommy Steele Story ★★ Musical biography of the 1950s rock 'n' roll singer, who appears as himself, charting his rise from poverty to international stardom. Available on iPlayer for 60 days. Director Gerard Bryant (1957, U) (BW) (S) (W) (HD)

11.15 World's Sneakiest Animals Mischievous mimics, including baby birds disguised as caterpillars. (R) (S) (HD) 12 noon My Million Pound Menu Restaurateurs with

their own take on sustainable dining. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 1.00-2.45pm LIVE Snooker The opening UK Championship semi-final from York. Continues on BBC1. Additional coverage at bbc.co.uk/sport.(S)(HD)

6.00am Catchphrase Game show. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **6.40 Love Your Garden** A wildlife garden in Luton. **7.10** The team create a sensory garden. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 8.05 Love Your Weekend with Alan Titchmarsh Alan talks to Stephen Mangan. Shown last Sunday (S) (HD) **9.25 ITV News** (S) (HD)

9.30 James Martin's Saturday Morning at Christmas James welcomes guest Aled Jones and chefs Sally Abe and Levi Roots, Rptd Sun 7,30am (S) (HD)

11.40 Ainsley's Mediterranean Cookbook 5/10 Ainsley Harriott gets a taste of Marrakesh. (R) (S) (HD)

12.40pm James Martin's Great British Adventure The chef pays a visit to the Isle of Wight. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.10 ITV News Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD) 1.25-4.00 LIVE Racing Four races from Newbury, featuring the Gold Cup at 2.50, plus starts at 1.40, 2.15 and 3.35, and action from Newcastle. (S) (HD)

5.55am The King of Queens Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **6.40 Cheers** Three episodes of the sitcom. (R) (S) (HD) **8.00 The Simpsons** Homer makes peace with Flanders. 8.30 Mr Burns decides it is time to choose an heir. 9.00 Ned Flanders takes charge at the school. 9.30 Bart faces up to a difficult dilemma. (R) (S) (AD)

10.00 Wedding March 4: Something Old, Something

New ★★ Romance starring Josie Bissett. A wedding venue owner finds herself distracted by her daughter's forthcoming nuptials. Available to stream for 30 days. Director Peter DeLuise (2018) (S) (W) (HD)

11.45 Christmas at the Palace ★★ Romance starring Merritt Patterson. Love starts to blossom for an ice-skating choreographer. Available to stream for 30 days. Director Peter Hewitt (2018, U) (S) (W) (HD)

1.25pm Celebrity Lego Masters at Christmas Alex Horne, Sophie Duker, Sophie Ellis-Bextor and Scarlett Moffatt compete. Nish Kumar hosts. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.25-5.00 Four in a Bed From Lincolnshire. County Durham, Devon and Dorset. (R) (S) (HD)

### BBC1

#### **Doctor Who**

6.30pm Friends reunited: the fate of the universe is in Donna and the Time Lord's hands



#### 4.30pm Final Score

A round-up of this afternoon's football results. Producer Kelly Faulkner; Editor Helen Dapre (S) (HD)

#### 5.15 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 5.45 The Weakest Link

With Penny Lancaster, Rickie Haywood-Williams, Kitty Scott-Claus, Josie Long, Kate Thornton, Hal Cruttenden, Roisin Conaty and Catherine Tyldesley. Director Barbara Wiltshire; Producer Olivia Clark Repeated Wednesday 1.10am (S) (HD)

#### 6.30 Doctor Who

Wild Blue Yonder. In the second of *Doctor Who's* 60th anniversary special episodes, the Tardis takes the Time Lord and Donna to the furthest edge of adventure. To escape, they must face the most desperate fight of their lives. Starring David Tennant, Catherine Tate and Susan Twist. In UHD on iPlayer. A box set of previous episodes is on iPlayer. Doctor Who: Unleashed is at 7.25pm on BBC3. See page 40. Writer Russell T Davies; Producer Vicki Delow; Director Tom Kingsley Repeated Sun 8pm BBC3 Signed repeat Tue 1.15am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD) Christmas preview: page 16

#### 7.25 Strictly Come Dancing

Ep 11. After a dazzling My Fair Lady group number from the professional dancers to open tonight's musicals special, can the remaining couples convince the viewers and judges Craig Revel Horwood, Shirley Ballas, Motsi Mabuse and Anton Du Beke they deserve to waltz into next week's semi-final? The results are tomorrow at 7.20pm. See page 40. Executive producer Sarah James: Series editors Robin Lee-Perrella and Jack Gledhill Signed repeat Thursday 2am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

11/16. With just 11 days left in the game, trusted alliances have become more important than ever but one castaway in particular is really feeling the heat. At the reward challenge, the players' memories are put to the test, and at a vertigo-inducing immunity task, who will hold on the longest to protect their place in the competition? Continues tomorrow 8pm. Director Rob Fisher; Executive producers Georgina Hinds, Stephen Lovelock, Claire O'Donohoe, Paul Osborne and Natalka Znak Repeated Wednesday 12.10am (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.25 Not Going Out

**Driving Home for Christmas.** In the 2019 festive special, Lee and Lucy get more than they bargained for when they embark on some last-minute shopping on Christmas Eve. A box set is available on iPlayer. Lee Mack Wendy
Sally Bretton Geoffrey
Bobby Ball Deborah Grant Geoffrey Whitehead Lucy Writers Lee Mack and Daniel Peak; Director Nick Wood Producer Jamie Rix (R) (S) (HD)

#### 10.05 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

#### 10.25 Match of the Day

Premier League action, including Newcastle United v Manchester United, Nottingham Forest v Everton, Burnley v Sheffield United, Brentford v Luton Town and Arsenal v Wolves. Presented by Gary Lineker. Producer Graham Bennett; Editor Richard Hughes Repeated tomorrow 7.50am (S) (HD)

#### 11.35 Doctor Who: Unleashed

2/3. Behind the scenes of Wild Blue Yonder, the second 60th anniversary episode. See p40. Shown 7.25pm BBC3 Repeated tomorrow 8.55pm BBC3 (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am The Rap Game UK 4/6 Series 5. The artists are surprised with a challenge that tests their versatility. Series 1 to 4 are on iPlayer. Shown last Monday BBC3 (S) (HD) 1.05 The Graham Norton Show With Tom Hanks, Timothée halamet, Julia Roberts and Cher. Shown yesterday (S) (HD) 1.55 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD) 2.00-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

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### BBC2

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**Bob Dylan:** Shadow Kingdom

10.00pm A new nerformance from the influential US singer/songwriter



#### 2.45pm Nature's Misfits

Bill Bailey narrates a Natural World film featuring the rarely seen lives of evolutionary oddballs, from the parrot that's forgotten how to fly to the bear that's turned vegetarian, and the chameleon barely bigger than an ant to the penguin that lives in a forest. Producer Gavin Boyland; Series editor Roger Webb (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 3.30 The Secret Genius of Modern Life

**3/6** Series 2. **Smartphone.** Hannah Fry goes inside electronics giant Samsung to uncover the advances that made the smartphone a reality and finds out how a 1940s comic book inspired the first mobile phone. Shown last Wednesday (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 4.30 Snooker

The conclusion of the opening semi-final of the UK Championship, played over the best of 11 frames, as a player books their place in the showpiece match. Additional coverage at bbc.co.uk/sport. Exec producer Alison Witkover; Senior producer Dominic Wright (S) (HD)

#### 5.15 MOTD: Euro 2024 Draw

Live coverage of the draw for the finals from the Elbphilharmonie in Hamburg, where England and Scotland are among the teams who will discover their fate. Introduced by Jason Mohammad. Watch the draw at bbc.co.uk/sport from 5pm. (S) (HD)

#### 6.30 Snooker

Coverage of the concluding semi-final on day eight from York Barbican, played over the best of 11 frames. Jack Lisowski and Mark Allen met at this stage last year in a back-and-forth match that went right down to the final black, with Allen eventually claiming a 6-5 victory. He went on to defeat Ding Junhui and win this title for the first time in his career, having previously finished as runner-up on two occasions, to Judd Trump in 2011 and Ronnie O'Sullivan in 2018. (S) (HD)

Subsequent programmes may run late or change

#### 10.00 Bob Dylan: Shadow Kingdom

Israeli-American film director Alma Har'el showcases the celebrated US singer/songwriter with his band in an intimate setting, as he performs songs from his extensive body of work, including among others Forever Young, I'll Be Your Baby Tonight and It's All Over Now, Baby Blue. This new performance from Bob Dylan, who's now 82, is his first concert since the one he gave in December 2019, a few months before the release of his acclaimed album Rough and Rowdy Ways. See page 41. (S) (HD)

#### 10.50 Bob Dylan: No Direction Home -Arena

1/2. Martin Scorsese's profile of the singer from 2005, featuring rare interviews and archive footage. The first half examines Dylan's formative years, with contributions by childhood friends and teachers on his earliest musical efforts and also explores his arrival on New York's early-1960s folk scene. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 12.45am 2/2. Already a phenomenon at the age of 23, Dylan struggled to find a new musical vocabulary. The old left hoped he would become a political activist, while the media wanted him to articulate the concerns of America's youth. But Dylan was already on the move, finding a new musical vocabulary to capture the complexity of a seismic cultural shift. Director Martin Scorsese; Producers Jeff Rosen, Susan Lacy, Nigel Sinclair, Anthony Wall and Martin Scorsese (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.15-3.15am ... Sings Dylan II Cover versions of Bob Dylan songs from the 1960s to the present, sourced from the BBC archives. Performers include Joan Baez, the Hollies, Adele, Julie Felix and Brian Ferry. First shown on BBC4 (S) (HD)

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### ITV1

The Voice UK 7.55pm The talent quest goes on as host Emma Willis

introduces more

gifted wannabes



#### 4.00pm ITV News Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

#### 4.25 Mamma Mia! I Have a Dream

6/8. Zoe Ball hosts as Mazz Murray, who plays Donna in the West End production of Mamma Mia!, joins the regular judges. And the hopefuls get a good-luck message from Dominic Cooper, who played Sky in the big-screen adaptation of the Abba musical. Continues tomorrow 6.10pm. Shown last Sunday (S) (HD)

#### 5.30 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 ★★★

Fantasy adventure starring Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint. With Lord Voldemort in the ascendant once more, young wizard Harry goes on the run with his friends Hermione and Ron. Armed with items given to them by headmaster Albus Dumbledore, they attempt to destroy artefacts that contain the secret of Voldemort's power. Review page 47. Harry Potter Ron Weasley Daniel Radcliffe Draco Malfoy Rupert Grint Severus Snape Emma Watson Ollivander Tom Felton Alan Rickman Hermione Granger John Hurt Bellatrix Lestrange David Thewlis Remus Lupin

Helena Bonham Carter Alastor "Mad-Eye" Moody ort Ralph Fiennes Brendan Gleeson Lord Voldemort Ralph Fiennes Rhys Ifans Ginny Weasley Xenophilius Lovegood Toby Jones (voice only) Wormtail
eour Bill Night Vernon Dursley
id Robbie Coltrane Molly Weasley
/ Jason Isaacs Petunia Dursley Dobby **Tob**' Rufus Scrimgeour Rubeus Hagrid Lucius Malfov Director David Yates (2010, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

**Bonnie Wright** Timothy Spall Richard Griffiths Julie Walters Fiona Shaw

#### 7.55 The Voice UK

**5/9** Series 12. Emma Willis presents the latest round of blind auditions, as judges Tom Jones, will.i.am, Anne-Marie and Olly Murs take to the big red chairs to sound out more talented solo artists, duos and vocal groups. The pressure is on to give an immaculate performance as the number of spots in the Callbacks gets smaller. Who will make the fab four hit their buttons? Studio director Diccon Ramsay; Series producer Leo Holden Repeated Thursday 11.45pm (S) (HD)

#### 9.25 I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!

The jungle glitterati are sure to be stepping up their campaigns to be crowned King or Queen of the Jungle as they approach their third and final week of life in the inhospitable Australian outback. Ant and Dec deliver the latest gossip as they relive the events of the past 24 hours. Repeated tomorrow 12.25pm ITV2 (S) (HD)

#### **10.30 ITV News** Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD)

#### 10.50 The 1% Club

7/8 Series 2. Lee Mack hosts the game show where 100 players face a series of increasingly difficult posers, with a top prize of £100,000 for those who can answer the final question. Exec producers Dean Nabarro, Andy Auerbach (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 11.50 EFL Highlights

The best action from the weekend, including West Bromwich Albion v Leicester City and Leeds v Middlesbrough in the Championship. Shown 9pm ITV4 Repeated tomorrow 12.20am (S) (HD)

**12.45am Home Shopping** (HD) **3.00 Made in Britain** A look at the making of the George's Cross medal for bravery. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **3.50 Unwind** A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD) **5.05–6.00am Dickinson's Real Deal** The dealers hunt for buried treasure in Walsall. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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### **Channel 4**

Concorde: the Race for **Supersonic** 

8 25nm Kerissa Khan discusses the plane's legacy



4 7 in Wales

#### **5.00pm Amazing Spaces Snow Special** Architect George Clarke and designer Will Hardie tour the mountain ranges of Western Canada,

where they admire a remote buffalo herder's lodge and the ultimate snowboarder chalet. Director Jamie Wightman; Executive producer Will Daws Repeated Monday 8pm 4seven (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 6.00 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas

Kirstie Allsopp offers tips on how to produce festive crafts on a small budget. She is let loose on a block of ice with power tools, before creating a decadent choux pastry wreath. Director/Producer Steven Parsons (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 6.55 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

#### 7.25 Christmas at Blenheim Palace

1/3. A look at life during the festive period at some of the UK's stately homes. The first episode focuses on the 300-year-old Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire, with around 250,000 visitors set to visit the state rooms and sprawling grounds that are transformed into a winter wonderland. Director/Producer Christiaan Bailey Repeated Tuesday 8pm 4seven (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 8.25 Concorde: the Race for Supersonic

2/2. The race to build the world's first supersonic airliner continues as the Anglo-French Concorde goes up against its Soviet rival – but the latter project ends in tragedy. Meanwhile, the giant competitor being developed in America is downed not by technology but by costs and the battle to reach the Moon. Ultimately only one supersonic plane survives, but after a worldwide ban on supersonic flights over land, Concorde finds itself recast as a plaything for the rich. Both episodes are available to stream See page 40. Director Oscar Chan; Producer Rob Davis (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.25 The Father

Psychological drama. Anthony, an 80-year-old Psychological draina. Analogy, some man with dementia, has increasing difficulty recognising the world around him and the people who care for him, including his daughter Anne. Matters grow more distressing as Anthony begins to suspect the people around him of malevolent intent. Available to stream for 30 days. Film of the Day: page 47. Rufus Sewell

Anthony Hopkins Paul
Olivia Colman The Woman Olivia Williams The Man Mark Gatiss Dr Sarai Laura Imogen Poots

Director Florian Zeller (2020, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Thursday 11.45pm 4seven

#### 11.25 Clear and Present Danger ★★★

Political thriller. When Jack Ryan is asked Political thriller, which back typin is assessed to investigate the murder of a friend of the US President, he finds himself up against not only a Colombian drugs cartel but also corrupt American government officials. Review p47. Joaquim de Almeida Harrison Ford Felix Cortez Jack Ryan Clark Willem Dafoe Robert Ritter
Cathy Ryan Anne Archer James Cutter
Director Phillip Noyce (1994, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Henry Czerny Harris Yulin Also showing Monday 10pm 4seven

1.55am The Couple Next Door 1/6. Drama about a couple drawn into strange goings on in their new community. Shown last Monday (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) 2.50 The Great Climate Fight 1/2. Kevin McCloud, Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and Mary Portas take their climate change fight to the government. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 3.45 Hollyoaks Omnibus edition of the soap. onday to Friday E4 (S) (SL) (AD) (HD **5.55–6.00am Sunday Brunch Best Bits** Featuring chat and recipes from comedian Harry Hill. (R) (S) (HD)

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### BBC4

**Hidden Assets** 9.00pm Claire Wallace and the team are the victims of a cyber attack



#### 7.00pm What's Your Thing? Competitive Onion Growing.

Vegetable growers compete in North Yorkshire. The whole series is on iPlayer. Producer Jack Suddaby (R) (S) (HD)

#### 7.10 Operation Grand Canyon with Dan Snow

2/2. Re-creating the 280-mile journey undertaken along the Colorado river by explorer John Wesley Powell in 1869. As they pass through the stunning yet challenging north Arizona landscape, Dan and the crew take on the area's rapids in antique wooden boats. Directors/Producers Ben Duncan and Martin Johnson Repeated 1.45am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 8.10 The Man Who Cycled the Americas

2/3. Central America. Cyclist Mark Beaumont crosses the US border into northern Mexico through the dangerous border town of Juárez, where only two days earlier 18 people were murdered. Tropical thunderstorms and damage to his bike cause serious problems on the long road to Panama. From 2010. Director Nick Shoolingin-Jordan Producers Tony Nellany and Nick Shoolingin-Jordan Repeated 2.45am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 Hidden Assets

New series. 1/6 Series 2. Return of the Irish-Belgian crime drama. A cyber attack targets Ireland's Criminal Assets Bureau and Belgium's Counter-Terrorist Unit. (S) (AD) (HD) 9.50 2/6. Wallace and De Jong discover who was behind the terrorist attack. English, Flemish +subtitles. From tonight, series 2 will join series 1 on iPlayer. See page 41. (S) (AD) (HD) Aaron Monaghan Gilles de Schryver Sean Prendergast Vince Thiis Simone Kirby Cathy Belton Bibi Melnick Norah Dillon Nora-Jane Noone Kwaku Fortune Claire Wallace Josh Ola Christian De Jong Wouter Hendrickx Frances Swann Karine Vanasse Passent Hussein James Melnick Fve Kamanda

#### 10.45 The Sound of Movie **Musicals with Neil Brand**

1/3. Musician and broadcaster Neil Brand chronicles the history of the film musical, beginning in 1929 with the trailblazing *Broadway Melody*, which won one of the first Academy Awards. 11.45 2/3. Neil Brand picks up the story of the celluloid musical in the 1940s, from the Hollywood song and dance of Gene Kelly to the emergence of musicals in India and China. 12.45am 3/3. How the movie musical adapted and modernised for the modern age, with Ken Russell's film of the Who's rock opera Tommy and Mel Brooks's unforgettable satire The Producers breaking new boundaries. Series director Ian MacMillan (R) (S) (HD) 1.45 Operation Grand Canvon with Dan

Snow Shown 7.10pm (S) (AD) (HD)

2.45-3.35am The Man Who Cycled the Americas Shown 8.10pm (S) (SL) (AD) (H

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#### BBC<sub>1</sub> **SCOTLAND**

**4.30–5.15pm**Sportscene Results **11.35** Sportscene:
Premiership Highlights:
featuring Kilmnarnock v Hearts, Livingston v Ross County and Motherwell v Dundee 12.35am Doctor Who: Unleashed 1.05 The Rap Game UK 2.05 The Graham 2.55 Weather for the Week Ahead 3.00-6.00 BBC News

#### **BBC SCOTLAND**

4.30-6.00pm Sportscene Results: the afternoon's football news 7.00 The Seven 7.15 The Edit **7.30** Sportscene: Premiership Highlights **8.30** Inside Central Station: the engineers at Polmadie depot work against the clock **9.30** Scot Squad: Singh and McKirdy accidentally lose their police car **10.00** Kin: double bill 11.40-12 midnight The Culture Scene

#### STV

12.45-3.00am Night Vision 3.50-5.05 Night Vision

#### **BBC2 WALES**

**2.45pm** The Fens: a Wild Year **3.05** Scrum V Live: Lions v Dragons, the United Rugby Championship match at Emirates Airline Park in Johannesburg (kick-off 3.05) **5.05–5.15** Nigel Slater's Simple Cooking

Channel 5 listings are overleaf

# **SATURDAY Freeview**

#### Channel 5





**Sandringham: the King at Christmas** 8.25pm The celebrations in Norfolk

**5.40am Milkshake!** See page 46 **9.50 The Smurfs** Vanity accidentally turns himself into a lizard. (R) (S) (HD) **10.00 SpongeBob SquarePants** The friends attempt to spring clean. (R) (S) (HD) **10.15 Entertainment News** (S) (HD) **10.25 Friends** Series 9. Joey and Phoebe play Cupid to Rachel and Ross. **10.55** Ross and Phoebe are mugged. **11.25** Phoebe asks Mike to move in with her. **11.55** A joke backfires on Chandler. **12.25pm** Tempted by the large jackpot, the gang decide to play the lottery. (R) (S) (HD)

12.55 Swept Up by Christmas \*\*
Romantic comedy drama. An antiques specialist and a cleaner clash while working at a recluse's large estate.
Director Philippe Gagnon (2020) (S) (W) (HD)

2.45 An Evergreen Christmas

★★ Romance starring Maggie Lawson.
A reporter arrives in Evergreen to look
into the town's abundant festive cheer.
Director Sean McNamara (2019) (S) (W) (HD)

4.35pm A Royal Christmas Match

\*\* Romantic comedy starring

Jordana Largy. A European

princess falls for an American professor.

Director Jonathan MacPherson (2022) (S) (W) (HD)

### 6.30 Incredible Christmas Trees and How to Decorate Them

Advice on creating a festive centrepiece, with experts demonstrating how to decorate the tree from top to bottom.

Director/Producer Sasha Webb (R) (S) (HD)

**7.25 Britain's Favourite 80s Toys** Remembering the playthings of the 1980s, which included Hungry Hippos, Care Bears, Trivial Pursuit and the BMX. Directors Stephanie West, Kevin Hylands (R) (S) (HD)

### 8.25 Sandringham: the King at Christmas

In this documentary about the King's Norfolk residence, royal experts share their insights into the meticulously-planned yuletide schedule, including a Christmas Eve tradition that was started by Prince Albert. **See p41.** Director/Producer Simon Newton (S) (HD)

### 9.55 Keeping Up Appearances: 30 Years of Laughs

A look back at the sitcom that starred Patricia Routledge as Hyacinth Bucket. Director/Producer Kate Hampson (R) (S) (HD)

#### 11.20 Cocktail \*\*

Romantic drama. Brian Flanagan becomes disillusioned with life in New York when wealth and a glamorous job fail to materialise. Turning to bartending, he learns the tricks of the trade, but his new lifestyle brings its own problems. Brian Flanagan Tom Cruise Bryan Brown Bryan Brown

Jordan Mooney Elisabeth Shue Kerry Coughlin Kelly Lynch Gina Gershon Director Roger Donaldson (1988, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

**1.20am** Casino (S) (HD) **3.20** Secret Life of the Holiday Resort (R) (S) (HD) **4.05** Friends (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **4.50–5.40am** The All-Inclusive: How Do They Really Do It? (R) (S) (HD)

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**BBC4** listings are overleaf

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**Insurgent** 7.55pm Rebels Four and Tris continue to fight a tyrant

**7.00pm My Mate's a Bad Date**Oloni helps Vicky find her perfect match.
The whole series is on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

7.25 New. Doctor Who: Unleashed
2/3. Behind the scenes with the cast of Wild Blue Yonder. Over 800 episodes of Doctor Who are on iPlayer. See p40.
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#### 7.55 Insurgent \*\*

Sci-fi adventure with Shailene Woodley and Kate Winslet. Teenage "Divergent" Tris and her fellow rebels continue their fight against tyrant Jeanine. Available on iPlayer for 30 days. **Review page 47.**Director Robert Schwentke (2015, 12) (S) (W) (HD) Also showing Thursday 9pm

### 9.40 Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps

5/9 Series 8. Donna and Gaz's impending divorce prompts them to reminisce.

10.10 6/9. Gaz decides to propose to Janet.
10.40 7/9. Janet tells Gaz she spent the night in hospital with Wesley.

11.10 8/9. Donna and Janet demand Gaz chooses which of them he wants to be with. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 11.40 Charlotte in Sunderland

**7/10** Series 2. Charlotte is rushed into hospital. Jake takes Lauren shopping. (S) (HD) **12.10am 8/10**. The family celebrate as Letitia receives the cancer all-clear. (S) (HD) **12.40** Bad Education: double bill (S) (AD) (HD) **1.40** Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps (S) (AD) (HD) **3.10-3.40am** Doctor Who: Unleashed (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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#### ITV2



**6.00am** CITV (S) (HD) **9.00** Unwind (S) (HD) **9.10** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **9.50** Dress to Impress (S) (SL) (HD) **11.50** I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! Shown yesterday ITVI (HD)

1.20pm Mamma Mia! I Have a Dream Shown last Sunday ITVI Rptd 4.25pm ITVI (S) (HD) 2.25 FILM Dr Seuss' Horton Hears a Who! ★★★ Animated adventure based on the popular children's book, featuring the voice of Jim Carrey (S) (W) (HD) 4.10 FILM The Grinch ★★★ Animated fantasy based on the book by Dr Seuss, featuring the voice of Benedict Cumberbatch. Review p57 (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

**5.55pm FILM Sing** \*\*\*\* Animated comedy musical featuring the voices of Matthew McConaughey, Scarlett Johansson and Reese Witherspoon. Buster Moon, the koala owner of a failing theatre, decides to hold a talent show to save it. However, a printing error adds two zeroes to the \$1,000 prize. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

**8.00 FILM No Time to Die** \*\*\*\* Spy adventure with Daniel Craig, Rami Malek and Léa Seydoux. After surviving an attempt on his life, James Bond believes his lover, Madeleine Swann, has betrayed him. Five years later, he is drawn out of retirement and back into her life when a new threat emerges. (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **11.15 Family Guy** Series 18. Peter and the guys use Joe's body cams to remember the ideas they have while drinking. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.45 Series 13. Stewie impregnates himself with Brian's DNA to save their friendship. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.15am American Dadl (S) (AD) (HD) 1.10 Shopping with Keith Lemon (S) (HD) 2.15 Unwind (S) (HD) 3.00 Shopping (HD) 5.00 Unwind (S) (HD) 5.10–6.00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD)

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#### ITV3

The Suspicions of Mr Whicher 11.00pm

**6.00am** Never the Twain: the duo notice an attractive shop assistant (S) **6.40** A Touch of

Frost: Series 1. Conclusions. The detective investigates a robbery at a local casino (S) (SL) (AD) **8.40** Agatha Christie's Poirot: After the

Funeral. A man is found dead after changing

evening ends in murder; **12.40pm** *The Fisher King.* A womaniser is murdered with an

his will (S) (HD) 10.40 Midsomer Murders:

Series 7, Bad Tidings, A Spanish-themed

ancient spear; 2.50 Sins of Commission

for his colleague Bella. Believing she's seeing someone else, he follows her one

night, only to stumble upon someone

4.55pm Midsomer Murders

A prize-winning author is murdered (S) (AD)

Series 7. The Maid in Splendour. Bartender

Jamie harbours an unreciprocated passion

aiming a double-barrelled shotgun at him.

With William Gaunt and Frances Tomelty.

7.00 Series 8. Things That Go Bump in

the Night. Barnaby and Scott investigate

a murder case in Fletcher's Cross. Undertaker

funeral parlour and the detectives suspect

a possible link to the local spiritualist church.

9.00 Series 22. The Wolf Hunter of Little

**Worthy.** A photographer wins an urban myth competition with his creation of the

Wolf Hunter, unexpectedly gaining a cult

and Winter have to investigate whether

following. But when a man is killed, Barnaby

myth has mutated into reality. With Siobhan

Redmond and Louise Jameson, (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 The Suspicions of Mr Whicher

**Beyond the Pale.** An ex-home secretary asks the Victorian detective to investigate

violent threats made against his son. But

scandal, and Whicher faces obstacles as his

enquiries lead him to the world of London's

docks. Paddy Considine stars. (S) (AD) (HD)

1.05am Scott & Bailey: 1/3 Series 5. Rachel

steps up to acting DI on a case that becomes

bigger and more sinister than it first seemed.

while Janet is glad of her friend's return (S) (SL)

(AD) (HD) 2.05-2.30am Unwind (S) (HD)

the politician is also anxious to avoid a

Patrick Pennyman is found dead in his

The detective investigates threats







**The Missing** 10.05pm Emily and Tony Hughes search for their son in France

7.10am The Brokenwood Mysteries: 2/6 Series 7. The Brokenwood Health Retreat becomes unhealthy for one visitor (S) (AD) (HD) 9.00 Lovejoy: 9/11 Series 2. A corpse is found in a suit of armour; 10.00 10/11. A property developer approaches Lady Jane's husband; 11.00 An acquaintance of Lovejoy's is sold some fake antiques; 12 noon Lovejoy sets out to exact revenge; 1.00pm 1/13 Series 3. Lady Jane has a visitor (s) 2.00 Dalziel & Pascoe: 5/5 Series 10. The detectives uncover a complex web of lies when they are called out to a robbery. Guest-starring Art Malik (S) (AD) 4.00 Father Brown: 2/15 Series 5. The Labyrinth of the Minotaur. Lady Felicia's niece is suspected of murder; 5.00 3/15. The Eve of St John. The priest investigates a death involving pagans (S) (AD) (HD)

**6.00pm The Brokenwood Mysteries** 3/6 Series 7. Dog Day Morning. Mike investigates the death of the Brokenwood Savings Bank manager. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 The Great Train Robbery 1/2. A Robber's Tale. Luke Evans and Paul Anderson head the cast of this drama based on one of the most notorious crimes of recent times. (HD) 9.00 2/2. A Copper's Tale. Jim Broadbent stars as Detective Chief Superintendent Tommy Butler, who spearheads the police investigation into the train robbery. (S) (HD)

#### 10.05 The Missing

1/8. Eden. Crime thriller starring James Nesbitt and Frances O'Connor as a couple whose young son goes missing while the family are on holiday in France. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 11.30 Mrs Wilson

**3/3.** In the 1940s, Alison is struggling to raise the boys, as Alec returns from a spell in prison. Back in the 1960s, she considers making serious life changes. (S) (AD) (HD)

**12.50am** Banished: **7/7**. As the day of the execution dawns, Freeman faces the toughest decision of his life (S) (AD) (HD) **2.05–4.00am** The Brokenwood Mysteries: **4/4** *Series 6*. Mike and the team are reacquainted with some familiar faces (HD)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116 +1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

## 1TV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 +1 F'view 59 (9pm−4am) F'sat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317 1TV4 26

**6.00am** World of Sport (S) (HD) **6.20** Minder (S) (SL) (AD) **7.20** The Sweeney (S) **8.25** The NFL Show (S) (HD) **9.30** New, Racing: the Opening Show: Oli Bell and the team look ahead to today's National Hunt racing at Newbury and Newcastle (S) (HD) **10.30** The Big Match Revisited (S) (HD) **11.45** Lost Car Rescue (S) (HD)

1.35pm The Car Years (S) (HD) 2.05 FILM Bend of the River ★★★★ Western with James Stewart (S) (HD) 3.55 FILM The Train Robbers ★★★ Western starring John Wayne (S) (W) (HD) 6.00pm LIVE Extreme E Race one of the Copper X Prix, the concluding meeting of the season, from the Atacama Desert, Chile, (S) (HD) 8.00 The Chase Celebrity Special A Soccer Aid special, with Danny Jones, Martin Bell, Sarah Jane Mee and Michael Sheen. (S) (HD) 9.00 New. EFL Highlights Featuring West Bromwich Albion v Leicester City and Leeds United v Middlesbrough. Rptd 11.50pm ITV1 (S) (HD) 10.05 FILM Game of Death ★★ Action adventure with Wesley Snipes. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.10am Motorsport UK: action from Silverstone (S) (HD) 1.10 Auto Mundial (S) (HD) 1.40 Motorsport Mundial (S) (HD) 2.10 The Protectors: a Russian scientist is smuggled into England (S) (SL) (HD) 2.40–3.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

#### ITVBe



**7.00am** The Real Housewives of Atlanta: Sheree throws a house party (S) (HD) **8.00** The Big Bake (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe (HD)

12 noon Be Beautiful (s) (AD) (HD) 12.10pm
Masters of Flip (S) (HD) 1.10 Billie and Greg: the
Family Diaries (S) (HD) 2.15 Fletchers' Family
Farm (S) (AD) (HD) 3.15 FILLM The Christmas
Planner ★★ Romance (S) (W) (HD) 5.10 FILM
Crown Prince of Christmas ★★ Romantic
drama starring Cindy Busby (S) (W) (HD)

7.00pm Celebrity Christmas Dinner Date
Reality TV star Hugo Taylor chooses from
festive menus put together by five potential
blind dates, none of whom are aware they will
be answering the door to a celebrity. (S) (HD)
8.00 Dinner Date Jordan from London
chooses three blind dates from five potential
partners, based on menus. (S) (AD) (HD)
9.00 FILM Stepmom \*\*\* Drama
starring Julia Roberts and Susan Sarandon
as the lover and ex-wife of a successful

starring Julia Roberts and Susan Sarandon as the lover and ex-wife of a successful lawyer who compete for the affections of his offspring. **Review page 107.** (S) (W) (HD) **11.30 Vanderpump Rules** The tenth series reunion comes to a close. (S) (HD) **12.30–1.00 m** Unwind (S) (HD)

**12.30–1.00am** Unwind (S) (HD) **ITVBe** Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Skv 131 (132 Scotlar

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## SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER

#### More4





**Eight out of Ten Cats Does** Countdown 11.05pm James Acaster

**8.55am** Supermarkets Unwrapped: Fruit & Veg Aisle (AD) **9.30** A Place in the Sun 12.30pm Location, Location, Location 1.35 Matt Baker: Travels with Mum & Dad (AD)
2.35 Come Dine with Me: in Ipswich (AD) 5.15pm Four in a Bed B&Bs in North Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Southport. **7.55 999: on the Front Line** A ten-year-old boy has a major epileptic fit in Birmingham, while in Warwick, an ambulance crew comes to the aid of an elderly man with anxiety who has phoned 999 14 times.

9.00 24 Hours in A&E Billy, 25, arrives at St George's by helicopter after being involved in a motorcycle accident in which a control of the state o in a motorcycle accident in which a van ran over his chest. He is swiftly taken to CT to check for serious injuries. Meanwhile, Milly brings in her two-year-old son Freddie, who jammed his thumb in a door. (AD) **10.00** Mark, 51, is brought to Resus after coming off his bike and the doctors are concerned that he may have seriously damaged his spine. Dibs, 60, arrives after falling off a balcony onto concrete. (AD)

11.05 Eight out of Ten Cats Does **Countdown** Sean Lock and Kathy Burke do battle with Jon Richardson and David Mitchell in a seasonal edition of the comedy quiz. **12.10am** Jon Richardson and Sarah Millican take on Lee Mack and Jason Manford. 1.15 24 Hours in A&E (AD) 3.25-3.50am A Place in the Sun: Ben Hillman tries to find a perfect home in Spain's Mar Menor for a Kent family More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

#### E4

**6.00am** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **6.15** Lego Masters Australia (AD) **7.25** Made in Chelsea **8.30** Modern Family **11.00** The Great British Bake Off: the bakers take on their final challenges before a winner is crowned (SL) (AD) **12.20pm** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **2.45 FILM** Deck the Halls ★★ Seasonal comedy

starring Danny DeVito and Matthew Broderick (AD) **4.35** The Great Christmas Bake Off: Noel Fielding and Sandi Toksvig host a Christmas special from 2019 (AD) 5.50 FILM Transformers: Age of Extinction ★★★ Sci-fi action adventure starring Mark Wahlberg. An engineer comes across an old semi truck while looking for parts and soon finds himself on the radar of government forces and an alien bounty hunter. (AD)

9.00pm Celebrity Gogglebox Opinions on Cooking with the Stars, Too Hot to Handle Only Connect, Jaws and Cat People. (AD) 10.00 Gogglebox Shows including Game of Talents, Line of Duty, Catfish UK: the TV Show, Paranormal Activity are appraised. (AD) **11.05** The armchair critics share their opinions on *Line of Duty, Snackmasters, Alan* Carr's Epic Gameshow, and Mastermind. (AD)

12.05am First Dates (SL) (AD) 2.10 Celebrity
Gogglebox (SL) (AD) 3.10 Gogglebox (AD) 4.00
How I Met Your Mother: Barney's prank war steps
up a gear (AD) 5.20-6.00am Modern Family

E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 +1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

#### Really

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea 7.00 Home Shopping 8.00 Antiques Road Trip 10.00 Dr Pimple Popper 1.00pm A Place in the Sun (AD) 3.00 Celebrity Vorkshire Auction House (AD) 4.00 Helicopter ER 8.00 Saving Lives at Sea 9.00 New. The Ghost Town Terror: Tim and Scott try to summon a demon 10.00 New. Ghost Adventures: Screaming Room 11.00 Spooked Ireland 12 midnight Elipath Preparer: a Chett Puiped My Life 1.00 pm Roth Presents: a Ghost Ruined My Life **1.00am** Ghost Adventures **2.00** Home Shopping **4.00–6.00am** Animal Cops Phoenix (AD) Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

#### **Sky Arts**





**Greatest Guitar Riffs** 9.00pm Black Sabbath guitarist Tony Iommi

**6.00am** Punchdrunk: behind the Mask **7.00** Pavarotti: the Duets – the Best of Pavarotti and Friends **8.30** Tales of the Unexpected **11.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents

**1.00pm** The Art of Film with Ian Nathan **2.00** Portrait Artist of the Year **3.00** Buster Keaton: the Genius Crushed by Hollywood (AD) **4.00** Freddie Mercury: Auction Special **5.00** Discovering: Julianne Moore

6.00pm Jeff Beck Live at Ronnie Scott's The guitarist performs at the famous jazz club, and is joined by guest artists Joss Stone, Imogen Heap and Eric Clapton.

8.00 Classic Albums The story behind the Who's 1971 album *Who's Next*, featuring archive footage of the group and interviews with Roger Daltrey and Pete Townshend. 9.00 Greatest Guitar Riffs Guitarists talk about their most recognisable work, beginning with Tony Iommi of Black Sabbath revealing how he created the riffs that changed rock. **10.00** Andy Summers of the Police discusses his favourite riffs and discusses those he wrote for Message in a Bottle, Roxanne, Don't Stand So Close to Me and Every Breath You Take. **11.00** Nancy Wilson of Heart reveals the secrets behind hits like Magic Man, Barracuda, These Dreams and What about Love?

12 midnight Discovering: Meat Loaf 12.25am
Alice Cooper: Live at Montreux: a 2005 concert
2.25 Hired Gun 4.30 Discovering: James Brown
5.00 Smokey Robinson: Music Icons
5.30–6.00am Glen Campbell: Music Icons

**Sky Arts Freeview** 36 **Freesat** 147 **Sky** 130 (131 Scotland) **Virgin** 140/**HD** 123 **BT** 350/**HD** 365

#### 4seven



9.00am Find It, Fix It, Flog It: triple bill **12 noon** Kirstie's Handmade Christmas (AD) **3.00pm** A Place in the Sun: three editions 6.00pm A Place in the Sun A couple look for a new home in Spain. Shown last Mon C4
7.00 Jean Johansson helps Andrea and Gary search for a home in St Lucia. Shown last Tue C4 **8.00 Location, Location, Location** Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer help people move out of their parents' houses and find homes in Kent, including a woman keen to live in Margate's vibrant LGBTQ+ community **9.00 Grand Designs** *Ep* **6.** Kevin McCloud returns to Cornwall to see former skydivers Leigh and Richard's progress on the transformation of a derelict 17th-century flour mill into a four storey, three-bedroom home. Shown last Wednesday C4 (AD)

10.00 Eight out of Ten Cats Does **Countdown** Festive edition of the quiz, with Jon Richardson and Sarah Millican

taking on Lee Mack and Jason Manford. **11.05 24 Hours in A&E** Sara, 46, is rushed in with serious injuries after a car crash. (AD) 12.10am Gogglebox (AD) 1.15 Celebrity Lego Masters (AD) 2.20 Amazing Spaces Snow Special (AD) 3.25 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas (AD) 4.20–4.50am Strangers on a Plane

**4seven F'view** 49 **F'sat** 127 **Sky** 137 (138 Scot) **Virgin** 143

#### Quest

**6.00am** Massive Engineering Mistakes **7.00** Mega Shippers **8.00** Wheeler Dealers **2.00pm** The Repair Shop **4.00** Outback Car Hunters **6.00pm** Richard Hammond's Workshop: double bill. Richard faces a client who is anxious for work to start on his vintage Bentley, then accountant Kamla gives Richard a harsh reality check 8.00 Who Do You Think You Are?: David Walliams delves into his family history **9.00** The Repair Shop: items include a portable police crime office 10.00 The Hotel Inspector 11.00 Mysteries of the Deep 12 midnight Mysteries of the Deep (AD) 2.00am Border Control Sweden 3.00 Destroyed in Seconds 4.00–5.00am How It's Made

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

#### Yesterday





**Great Continental Railway Journeys** 4.00pm Michael Portillo is in Portugal

**6.10am** Hornby: a Model World (AD) **8.00** Bangers and Cash: five editions (AD) 1.00pm Abandoned Engineering (AD) 4.00 Great Continental Railway Journeys **6.00pm Great Continental Railway Journeys** Michael Portillo travels through France from Lyon to Marseille on the Mediterranean coast, where he joins a pilot boat leading a supertanker to its berth. **7.00** A journey from Sofia to Istanbul along part of the route taken by the *Orient-Express*. **8.00** Travelling the Habsburg imperial line from Vienna across the Semmering Pass, a railway line blasted through the Alps. **9.00** Michael's journey through Italy begins in Pisa, where he learns how the leaning tower was saved from collapse, before he heads to Lake Garda for a high-speed boat trip.

10.00 One Foot in the Grave Victor and Margaret are trapped in the shed by bees and that is just the start of their troubles
 10.40 Victor takes up art classes, but Margaret's initial joy turns to dismay. **11.20** A series of incidents cast a shadow over the Meldrews' holiday preparations. 12 midnight Bangers and Cash (AD) 1.00-3.00am The Architecture the Railways Built (AD) Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 +1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

#### Dave



7.10am Exploration Volcano (AD) 8.00 Gino's Italian Escape: a Taste in the Sun **9.00** Railroad Australia **12 noon** Storage Hunters UK **2.30pm** Australian Ninja Warrior 4.00 Soapbox Race: from Santiago

**6.00pm Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing** On the River Test in Hampshire. (AD) 6.40 The duo go lake fishing in Wiltshire in the hope of netting a crucian carp. (AD) **7.20** Paul and Bob fish for chub on the River Wve in Herefordshire (AD) 8.00 QI XL Stephen Fry welcomes Ross Noble, Jack Dee, Phill Jupitus and regular panellist Alan Davies for an extended edition. 9.00 Mock the Week Dara O Briain and Hugh Dennis front a special edition featuring unseen material, outtakes and the usual fun.

9.40 FILM Jackie Brown \*\*\*\* Crime thriller starring Pam Grier. Flight attendant Jackie Brown is arrested for smuggling money and drugs into the country for ruthless arms dealer Ordell Robbie. Realising that Ordell is likely to kill her, Jackie plays him and the cops off against each other. **Review p107.** (W) **12.50am** Have I Got a Bit More News for You: hosted by David Mitchell **1.50** Mel Giedroyc:

Unforgivable **2.40–4.00am** The Island Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

#### Sky Mix

**6.00am** Nothing to Declare (AD) **11.00** UK Border Force (AD) **12 noon** Road Wars **1.00pm** Highway Cops (AD) **2.00** A Wild Year on Earth (AD) **3.00** Monkey Life **4.00** Amazing Animal Friends **5.00** David Attenborough's Galapagos: the broadcaster encounters giant Pinta Island tortoise Lonesome George, who died a few weeks after filming in 2012 (AD) **6.00pm** Age of the Big Cats (AD) **7.00** Caught on Dashcam **8.00** Caught on Dashcam **9.00** Britcam: Emergency on Our Streets (AD) **10.00** The Force: North East **11.00 FILM** Serenity ★★ Thriller starring Matthew McConaughey and Anne Hathaway. Fisherman Baker Dill is tracked down by his ex-wife, who offers him a large sum of money to murder her abusive new spouse (AD) (W) **1.00am** Night Cops (AD) **2.00** Border Security: Australia's Front Line **4.00–6.00am** Highway Patrol Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

#### 5 USA



9.00am Murder, She Wrote: nine episodes (AD) **6.00pm** Murder, She Wrote Series 5. Triple bill. Jessica defends the memory of her late husband **7.00** Jessica is disturbed by a psychic's predictions **8.00** Grady's wedding day is disrupted when a body is found in the bushes (AD) **9.00** War of the Worlds: three busnes (AD) **9.00** war of the worlds: three episodes. Series 1. Catherine's priorities change with the arrival of Sophia **10.05** The survivors attempt to turn the tables on the invaders **11.05** Series 2. A severely wounded dissident alien reaches the Observatory 12.05am Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 2.50 Criminal Minds: the team searches for a kidnapper 3.35-4.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera: a woman defends herself against an intruder 5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot)

#### 5 Star

+1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320



8.00am Dirty Home Rescue 9.00 FILM A Gospel Christmas ★★ 10.50 FILM A Merry Berry Christmas ★★ 12.35pm FILM Fool's Gold ★★ 2.50 FILM Mirror Mirror ★★ Fantasy Review page 47 5.00 FILM The Forbidden Kingdom ★★★ Martial arts action comedy 7.05pm FILM Rush Hour ★★★★ Martial arts action comedy with Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker. When his daughter is kidnapped in LA, a diplomat demands that the authorities send for Hong Kong cop Inspector Lee 9.00 FILM The Hangover: Part II \*\*\* Comedy starring Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms and Zach Galifianakis. Two years after their disastrous trip to Las Vegas, the Wolf Pack head to Thailand for a stag party – but things don't go exactly to plan. Review page 47. 11.10 FILM American Pie: the Wedding \*\*\* Comedy starring Jason Biggs and Alyson Hannigan. After pursuing each other through two movies Jim and Michelle finally decide to tie the knot. **1.05am** Street Crime: Caught on Camera **2.05–3.00am** Revenge **5 Star Freeview** 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

#### 5 Action



9.00am Entertainment News 9.15 Trucking Hell: three back-to-back editions 12.20pm FILM McLintock! ★★★ western starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara **2.55 FILM** Sitting Bull ★ Western **5.10 FILM Wyatt Earp** \*\*\* Epic western drama starring Kevin Costner, Dennis Quaid and Gene Hackman. After the death of his sweetheart, the young Wyatt dearn or his sweetneart, the young wyatt Earp descends into a life of crime until he is saved by his father and guided towards his destiny as one of the West's toughest lawmen. 9.00 FILM The Hunt for Red October

\$.00 FILM THE HURT TO RED OCTOOP!

\*\*★★★ Cold War action thriller starring
Sean Connery, Alec Baldwin and Scott Glenn.
The trial voyage of new, virtually untrackable
Soviet submarine Red October does not go as expected. Captained by the enigmatic Marko Ramius, the vessel heads for America. Is Ramius about to launch an undetectable,

pre-emptive nuclear strike? 11.45 FILM Rage ★ Revenge thriller starring Nicolas Cage and Rachel Nichols. **1.50am** Police Interceptors: an angry driver is pulled over **2.50–3.00am** Entertainment News 5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

#### 5 Select



9.00am Entertainment News 9.15 FILM Meet Me at Christmas ★★ Romantic drama starring Catherine Bell **11.00** Air Crash Investigation 12 noon Air Crash: Disaster Revealed 2.00pm Buried Secrets of WWII 6.00pm Buried Secrets of WWII Searching for historical evidence in Papua New Guinea. 7.00 A look at the Allied advance into Rome. 8.00 Ben Fogle and the Buried City Ben explores Plymouth, the abandoned capital of the Caribbean island of Montserrat. 9.30 Ash Cloud: the Week the World Stopped The unique natural disaster in 2010 which unleashed chaos in Britain and beyond. 11.00 Secrets of the Lost Warships How the HMS Edinburgh was sunk by a German U-boat.

12 midnight World War II in Colour (AD) 1.00-3.00am The Blacklist: double bill elect F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf

BBC News Freeview 231 Freesat 212 Sky 503 Virgin 601 Sky News Freeview 233 Freesat 202 Sky 501 Virgin 603 BT 313

# SATURDAY Freeview & films





Miranda 7.00pm Can Miranda cut it in the workplace?

6.10am The Bill 11.00 Tipping oint: Lucky Stars **1.00pm** Celebrity Tipping Point 2.00 FILM A Belle for Christmas ★★ Adventure starring Dean Cain (W) **4.00** My Family (AD) 5.55 My Family (AD)

7.00pm Miranda Penny threatens to cancel Christmas unless Miranda sorts her life out. **7.40** Gary and Miranda both decide they need a date to bring to Stevie's birthday party.

8.20 The shop owner's friends accuse her of being immature. (AD)

9.00 Gavin & Stacey The Shipmans drive to Wales for the wedding fayre, and Nessa reveals her big secret to Stacey. **9.40** Stacey has her hen night while Gavin has two stag dos. 10.20 Smithy is determined to give a memorable speech. (AD)

11.00 Ambulance Australia Crews are called to a motorcycle accident in rush-hour traffic.

12 midnight Bad Girls behind Bars 1.00am One Born Every Minute 2.00–3.00am My Family (AD)

W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

#### HGTV

7.00am Escape to the Country (AD) 11.00 My Lottery Dream Home 3.00pm A Place in the Sun 8.00 Escape to the Country: four editions. Jules Hudson goes property hunting in Wiltshire with a couple who have £950,000 to buy a family home with land (AD) **9.00** A Herefordshire couple search for a property big enough to use both as their home and as a B&B (AD) 10.00 A couple with a £600,000 budget search a country home in Dorset (AD) **11.00** A couple look for a new home in the North Wessex Downs (AD) 12 midnight Good Bones 1.00am Revealed: Veronica takes inspiration from a couple's Jewish heritage **2.00** Escape to the Country (AD) **3.00–4.00am** A Place in the Sun HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191

#### **London Live**

+1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am London's Weekend 7.00 The Prisoner 8.00 Aging in the Wild 9.00 Forgotten Frontlines 10.00 The Hairy Bikers' Pubs That Built Britain 10.45 London Districts 11.00 Elemental: Reimagine Wildfire 12 noon Carbon Colonialism 1.00pm FILM The Battle of the Sexes ★★★ (BW) 2.45 FILM Once a Jolly Swagman ★★ (BW) 4.50 The Champions 7.00 Wild Britain with Ray Mears **8.00** Castle Builders 9.00 FILM East of Elephant Rock \*\* 11.00 After Miss Julie 12.45am
FILM Listen \*\*\* 2.20 London Districts 2.30 Mudlarking the Thames 3.30 News Rewind 5.00-6.00am Talking Points London Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

#### Food Network 43



**Jamie's Cracking Christmas** 9.00pm A festive spread

6.00am Guy's Ranch Kitchen 7.00 Christmas Cookie Challenge **8.00** Barefoot Contessa **10.00** James Martin – Home Comforts at Christmas (AD) **12 noon** The Hairy Bikers Home for Christmas **5.00pm** Rachel Allen's Everyday Kitchen at Christmas: recipes using leftovers, including French toast, glazed ham with bubble and squeak, and turkey and ham pie **5.30** Rachel Allen's Easy Christmas: decadent dishes that take no time at all to make 6.00 Gok Wan's Easy Asian Christmas: French toast with an Asian twist, and belly pork with honey and soy sauce 8.00 The Hairy Bikers' Cookbook: a culinary iourney through the verses of The 12 Days of Christmas 9.00 Jamie's Cracking Christmas: beef wellington and roast goose 10.00 Jamie's Night before Christmas: tricks of the trade for the big day 11.00 New **series.** Holiday Baking Championship: a dozen bakers are challenged to create pavlova wreaths

1.00am Gingerbread Giants: Path to
Victory: edible architecture 2.003.00am Christmas Cookie Challenge

#### (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot) **Great TV**

Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 1.00pm FILM Danielle Steel's Palomino **★★ 3.00 FILM** Danielle Steel's A Perfect Stranger **★★ 5.00 FILM** Danielle Steel's Once in a Lifetime \*\*\* 6.50 Movie News 7.00 FILM Danielle Steel's Heartbeat ★★ 8.50 Movie News 9.00 Murder 101: If Wishes Were Horses 10.50 A Gourmet Detective Mystery: Eat, Drink and Be Buried 12.40am Castle 1.40 Movie News 1.50 Castle 2.50 Movie News 3.00 Return of the Saint 3.50 Movie News 4.00 Highway to Heaven 4.50–5.00am Movie News

**Great TV** Freeview 50 *(limited)* Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

#### True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives 12 noon Murder: Fight for the Truth 2.00pm Medical Detectives: six editions **5.00** Judge Judy: real-life small-claims cases on issues affecting family life, presided over by outspoken former New York júdge Judy Sheindlin

12.30am World's Most Unexplained..: tales of the strange phenomenon where human bodies catch fire **1.00** Psychic Private Eves 4.00 Murder: Fight for the Truth **5.40–6.00am** Judge Judy

True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 **Sky** 147 **Virgin** 172

#### BBC Parliament 232

**6.00am** Westminster Hall **11.00** PMQs **11.35** Scottish FMQs **12.20pm** Welsh FMQs **1.20** House of Commons **1.55** House of Lords **2.30** Scottish Parliament 3.30 Senedd Cymru: Welsh Parliament **4.30** House of Lords **6.00** Select Committees **12 midnight** PMQs **12.35an** Scottish FMQs **1.20** Welsh FMQs **2.20** House of Commons **2.55** House of Lords **3.30** Scottish Parliament 4.30-6.00am House of Lords **BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201** 

#### PBS America 84



Three Days in June: the Story of the D-Day Forecast 6.35pm

**6.00am** Three Days in June: the Story of the D-Day Forecast **7.00** Shanghai 1937: Where World War II Began **8.00** Beautiful Serengeti **8.30** Military Masterminds **1.00pm** Three Days in June: the Story of the D-Day Forecast 2.05 Military Masterminds

6.35pm Three Days in June: the Story of the D-Day Forecast How the launch of D-Day was determined by a remote station in Ireland.

7.40 WWII in the Pacific 1/3 Japan's bombing of Pearl Harbor. **8.50 2/3.** The US Naval Fleet's and brutal war of attrition. 9.50 3/3. The war in the Pacific is starting to go America's way.

10.55 Three Days in June: the Story of the D-Day Forecast

**12 midnight** Plane Crash Re-created **1.15am** Beautiful Serengeti 1.50 WWII in the Pacific **4.25** Three Days in June: the Story of the D-Day Forecast 5.20-6.00am Beautiful Serengeti PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

6.00am Cities of the Underworld 8.00 The Proof Is Out There 9.00 I Saw It: Bigfoot and Beyond 10.00 Pawn Stars 12 noon Container Wars **2.00pm** Ancient Aliens **8.00** Ross Kemp: Shipwreck Treasure Hunter: Ross is joined by maritime archaeologist Mallory Haas to deep dive on the wreck site of Nelsonian frigate HMS Amethyst 9.00 The Invisibles: Hunting Narcos: how Don Berna rose from the shadows of Pablo Escobar's Colombian cocaine empire 10.00 New. Cops Uncensored: double bill. An officer is drawn into a firefight, then officers are dragged along by a suspect during a traffic stop **11.00 New.** Homicide: Hours to Kill **12 midnight** Paranormal Survivor

1.00am Haunted Hospitals 2.00-6.00am Hardcore Pawn Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

#### Challenge

7.00am The Chase 9.00 Through the Keyhole **10.00** Supermarket Sweep: trolley-dash quiz. Dale Winton hosts **11.00** All Star Family Fortunes: double bill. Coronation Street's Samia Ghadie (Maria Connor) takes on and former castmate Bill Tarmey (Jack Duckworth), then Simon Gregson (Steve McDonald) and Sam Aston (Chesney Brown) compete. Vernon Kay hosts 1.00pm Cash Trapped: quiz hosted by Bradley Walsh (AD) **2.00** Tenable: quiz hosted by Warwick Davis **6.00pm** The Chase: three episodes of the guiz hosted by Bradley Walsh 9.00 The Chase Celebrity Special: Russell Watson. Rita Simons, Bill Oddie and Denise Welch take on a ruthless Chaser (AD) 10.00 The Chase 11.00 Bullsey ten editions of the game show (AD) **4.00–6.00am** The Chase

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

## CHILDREN'S FILMS

#### Milkshake! on C5

5.40am Pin and Posy 5.45 Paw 5.40am Pip and Posy 5.45 Paw Patrol 6.00 Peppa Pig 6.05 Blue's Clues & You 6.25 Sesame Street Mecha Builders 6.40 Pirata & Capitano 6.50 Fireman Sam 7.00 Thomas & Friends 7.15 Paw Patrol 7.25 Pip and Posy **7.40** Peppa Pig **8.00** The Adventures of Paddington **8.15** New. Mixmups **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 8.45 New. Pop Paper City 9.00 New. Meet the Experts 9.10 Reu & Harper's Wonder World 9.25–9.50am New series. Dora the Explorer Full listings for Channel 5 are on p44

#### **CBeebies**

**6.00am** Baby Jake **6.10** Twirlywoos **6.20** Bing **6.30** Love Monster **6.35** Chuggington **6.50** Go Jetters **7.00** Postman Pat: SDS **7.15** Bing **7.35** Hey Duggee **7.50** Go Jetters **8.00** Peter Rabbit **8.15** Octonauts: above & Beyond **8.25** Chuggington **8.35** Bitz & Bob **8.45** The Furchester Hotel **9.00** Bob 8.45 The Furchester Hotel 9.00 Something Special: Were All Friends 9.20 Bluey 9.35 Hey Duggee 9.50 Supertato 10.00 Spidey and His Amazing Friends 10.25 CBeebies Presents: Christmas in Storyland 11.10 Love Monster 11.20 Vegesaurs 11.25 Let's Go for a Walk 11.50 Dog Squad 12.25 Mills (1.50 Dog Squad 12.25 M 12 noon My World Kitchen 12.15pm I Can Do It, You Can Too 12.30 Hey Duggee 12.45 Octonauts 1.00 Bitz & Bob 1.10 Love Monster 1.25 Go Jetters 1.35 Messy Goes to OKIDO 1.50 Dog Loves Books 1.55 Roots and Fruits 2.00 Something Special: We're All Friends 2.20 I Can Do It, You Can Too Friends **2.20** I Can Do It, You Can Too **2.35** Molly and Mack **2.50** Alphablocks **2.55** Baby Jake **3.10** Supertato **3.15** JoJo & Gran Gran **3.25** Fred & Pete's Treasure Tales **3.40** GiggleQuiz **3.55** Numberblocks **4.05** Magic Hands **4.15** Olga Da Polga **4.30** Supertato **4.35** Bluey: Bingo and Bluey spend the day at Nana's **4.45** CBeebles Presents: Christmas in Storyland: a delivery elf must take presents to the empress of Storyland **5.30**. Jol. Os. Gran Gran Storvland 5.30 JoJo & Gran Gran 5 Sarah & Duck 5.50 Charlie and 6.00 Tee and Mo 6.10 Clangers 6.20 In the Night Garden. 6.50-7.00pm Bedtime Stories

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#### **CBBC**

**7.00am** Shaun the Sheep **7.05** Sketchy Comedy **7.10** Danger Mouse **7.25** Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed! 7.25 Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed!
7.35 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese
7.45 New. Newsround 7.55 Ninja
Express 8.05 Odd Squad 8.20
Oswaldo 8.30 Ooglies Funsize 8.40
New. Pokémon: XY 9.00 New.
Saturday Mash-Up!: live morning fun,
filled with mayhem and celebrity guests
11.30 Blue Peter: Christmas crafts 11.30 Blue Peter: Christmas crafts 12 noon Home Sweet Rome 12.25pm OOglies Funsize 12.30 Dragons: the Nine Realms 1.15 Total Dramarama 1.35 So Awkward 2.30 Malory Towers Jamie Johnson FC 3.55 Bro's in Control 4.10 Transformers EarthSpark 4.55 The Deep 5.15 FILM Captain Underpants: the First Epic Movie

\*\*\* Animated action comedy featuring the voices of Ed Helms and Kevin Hart (W) 6.35-7.00pm New. Total Drama Island: Reboot

CBBC F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701

#### LTV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

#### ITV2

6.00am The Epic Tales of Captain Underpants: Mega Blissmas: George and Harold make a comic about a neversion of Christmas **6.50** Mr Bean: the Animated Series: triple bill 7.35-9.00am Aloha, Scooby-Doo

#### **ITVBe**

9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Minibods 9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Minibods 9.20 Lily's Driftwood Bay 9.30 The Hive 9.45 Claude 10.00 Oddbods 10.10 Ollie 10.15 The Sound Collector 10.25 Sooty 10.40 Pingu in the City 10.50 Bob the Builder 11.15 New. Teletubbies Let's Go: Noo Noo blows bubbles for the Teletubbies 11.25 postman pat 11.45-12 noon Murrafie Postman Pat 11.45–12 noon Mumfie

#### Film4

11.00am The Smallest Show on Earth ★★★★ Bill Travers and Virginia McKenna inherit a crumbling cinema in this charming comedy. **Review, p97.** (1957, U) (S)

12.40pm The Red Turtle Wordless animated fantasy about a shipwrecked sailor, (2016, PG) (S) (AD)

2.20 Muppets from Space

\*\*\* Gonzo must decide whether to travel to the stars in this colourful puppet comedy. Review, right. Frank Oz Dave Goelz Steve Whitmire (1999 II) (S) (AD)

4.05 Galaxy Quest A group of TV actors is mistaken by aliens for real space adventurers in this very funny sci-fi spoof. Review, p97. Tim Allen, Sigourney Weaver (1999, PG) (S) (AD)

6.10pm Independence Day ★★★★ This spectacular sci-fi blockbuster sees gigantic alien spacecraft set about destroying major cities. Will Smith (1996, 12) (S) (AD)

9.00 Die Hard Gripping, no-holds-barred action thriller in which a lone cop takes on a band of ruthless terrorists inside a newly constructed skyscraper.

Review, p107. Bruce Willis (1988, 15) (S) (AD) 11.40 🖸 You Are Not My Mother ★★★★ Creepy horror in which a girl thinks that something is wrong with her mother.

Review, right. Paul Reid (2021, 15) (S) (AD) 1.30-3.40am Carrie Horror about a telekinetic teen who is bullied at school and tormented at home. Sissy Spacek (1976, 18) (S) (AD)

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#### Talking Pictures TV

6.00am Second Best Bed ★★ New wife Jane Baxter rebels in this dated marital farce. Tom Walls, Veronica Rose (1937) (S) 7.30 The Steel Key \*\* Brisk but improbable spy drama about a stolen formula for super hard steel. Terence Morgan, Joan Rice (1953, U) (S) 9.00 Saturday Morning Pictures Classic serials, plus Caught in the Net (1960). (S) 12 noon The Incredible Petrified World ★★ Daft sci-fi adventure in which ocean explorers discover an undersea world. John Carradine, Robert Clarke (1959) (S) **1.25pm One** Step Beyond Horror. (S) 2.00 The Outer Limits TV sci-fi. (S) 3.00 Fireball XL5 TV sci-fi. 3.35 Prehistoric Women ★★ Hammer fantasy adventure starring Michael Latimer as a hapless jungle guide trapped in a campy prehistoric past. Martine Beswick (1966, PG) **5.30 Beachhead** 

\*\* Tony Curtis plays a US Marine trying to locate Japanese minefields in this colourful Pacific-set Second World War drama. Review p77. (1954) 7.15pm Scotland Yard Docudrama. 8.00 Maigret TV detective series. (S) 9.00 The Gold Robbers TV crime drama starring Peter Vaughan. (S)

10.05 The File of the Golden Goose ★ Yul Brynner pursues a gang of counterfeiters to London in this dreary thriller. Charles Gray (1969)

12.10am Confessions from a Holiday Camp ★ Cheap and smutty "What the Butler Saw"-style con with Robin Askwith. (1977, 18) **2.00 Bringing Out the Dead** ★★★ Martin Scorsese's blistering urban drama charts three days in the life of Nicolas Cage's burnt-out New York City paramedic. Patricia Arquette (1999, 18) (S) **4.30–6.00am The Reluctant** 

Bride ★★ Far-fetched comedy about a couple looking after their relatives' rowdy children, John Carroll (1955, PG) (S)

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#### Great Movies 34

9.10am Kidnapped: 48 Hours of Terror ★★ Overstuffed TV-movie thriller. (2010) 11.05 Vows of Deceit ★★ Has she married a serial

conman? Katherine Bailess (2018) 1.00pm Two Wrongs ★★ Predictable kidnap thriller. Gillian Zinser (2015) 3.05 National Security \*\*

Tasteless action comedy with Martin Lawrence and Steve Zahn. (2002, 12) **5.00 Mr Deeds** ★ Misjudged remake of the Gary Cooper comedy *Mr* Deeds Goes to Town, Adam Sandler (2002, 12)

7.05pm Bill & Ted's Excellent **Adventure** ★★★★ Comedy about two slackers who travel through time. Review, right. Keanu Reeves (1988, PG) 9.00 Fargo \*\*\*\*\*\* The Coen brothers are on top form with this unconventional, comedy-tinged crime thriller, Frances McDormand (1995, 18)

11.15 10 Rillington Place المنتقدة Chilling drama based on the case of notorious killer John Reginald Christie, Richard Attenborough (1970, 15)

1.35am As 1nm 3.30 Wild West Chronicles 4.00-5.40am An Aurora Teagarden Mystery: Real Murders

**Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302** +1 Freeview 61 (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322

#### Great Action 42

8.00am Wild West Chronicles 9.00 **Gunfighters** ★★ Standard Randolph Scott western. (1947, PG) **10.45 The** Nevadan ★★★ Marshal Randolph Scott is under cover. (1950, U) **12.30pm** Gunman's Walk ★★★ Intense western with Van Heflin. Tab Hunter (1958) 2.25 Conquest of Cochise \*\*\* Robert Stack's cavalry officer tries to make peace with the Apache, (1953, U) 3.55 Jack McCall, Desperado \*\* Civil War-set western. George Montgomery (1953, U) **5.35 Cripple Creek** ★★ Lawmen infiltrate a band of gold robbers, George Montgomery (1952, U)

7.15pm They Rode West ★★★ Robert Francis's medic uses his skill to help the Kiowa tribe. (1954, U) 9.00 Legion ★★★ Angels and demons battle for humankind's future in this entertaining slice of

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for general viewing, but some scenes may be unsuitable for young or sensitive children; 12,15,18

suitable for all; PG Parental Guidance

supernatural hokum, Paul Bettany (2010, 15) 11.05 Assault on Station 33 ★ nuckle-headed action flick. (2021, 15)

12.55am Reprisal ★★ Workmanlike thriller, Frank Grillo, Bruce Willis (2018, 15) 2.50 Battle Honours 4.00-5.00am Operation Barbarossa

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

#### Great Movies 52 **Christmas**

8.00am Deck the Heart \*\* Everyone needs some festive family sparkle. Ashley Brinkman (2021) 10.00 My Christmas Dream ★★ Likeable rom.com. Danica McKellar (2016) 12 noon Coming Home for Christmas ★★ Family feuds and flirtations for Danica McKellar. (2017) **2.00pm** Fixing Up Christmas ★★ Winter heart-warmer. Natalie Dreyfuss (2021) 4.00 Hearts of Christmas ★★

nurse on a mission. Emilie Ullerup (2016) 6.00pm A Cinderella Christmas ★★ Updated reworking of the fairy tale. Emma Rigby, Peter Porte (2016) 8.00 A Christmas Kiss \*\*

Predictable but fun romance. Laura Breckenridge, Brendan Fehr, Flizabeth Rohm (2011) 10.00 A Royal Christmas Ball ★★ Romantic Cinderella story. (2017) 12 midnight Christmas with a The Royal Wedding ★★ Romantic festive fluff. Kaitlyn Leeb (2018) 2.00 Highway to Heaven 3.00-

5.00am Christmas Next Door ★★ Charming romance. Jesse Metcalfe (2017)

Great Movies Christmas Freeview 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (limited 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

#### **Sky Premiere**

**6.55am Love Again ★★** Schmaltzy romcom in which a reassigned mobile number brings together two strangers. Priyanka Chopra, Sam Heu Celine Dion (2023, 12) **8.55 Beau Is Afraid**★★★★ Wickedly funny black comedy starring Joaquin Phoenix as an anxious New Yorker who faces a series of surreal obstacles while trying to visit his mother. Patti LuPone Amy Ryan (2023, 15) 11.55 As 8pm 1.45pm As 9.40pm **3.50** As 11.45pm 6.10pm Renfield ★★★ Madcap

horror comedy with Nicholas Hoult as the nervy assistant to Count Dracula, Nicolas Cage, Awkwafina (2023, 15) 8.00 Genie ★★★ Richard Curtis scripts this clever, perfectly cheesy festive comedy starring Melissa

McCarthy. Review p38. Paapa Essiedu (2023) 9.40 A Thousand And One Empathetic indie drama about the fortunes of a struggling

single mother. Teyana Taylor (2023, 15) 11.45 Big George Foreman ★ Jnspectacular but well-plaved biopic of the two-times boxing champ and preacher. Khris Davis (2023, 12) 2.05am As 6.55am 4.05 As 8.55am

Sky Premiere Sky 301 Virgin 401 BT 501/HD 515 +1 Sky 312

#### Legend

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7.00am World's Most Unexplained. 8.00 Angel and the Badman \*\* Sombre remake of the 1947 John Wayne western, Lou Diamond Phillips (2009) **10.00** The Six Million Dollar Man: five episodes 3.00pm Jules Verne's Rocket to the Moon ★★ Sci-fi comedy that attempts to be zany but fails to get off the ground. Burl Ives (1967, U) **5.15 The Lost**Continent ★★ Wonderfully bizarre fantasy adventure. Eric Porter (1968, 12) 7.00pm The Fabulous Journey to the Center of the Earth \*

Sluggish version of Jules Verne's classic novel. Kenneth More (1977) 9.00 Southern Fury ★ Grisly action flick, Adrian Grenier (2017, 18) 11.00 Mom and Dad ★★★

Pitch-black horror satire that sees parents inexplicably compelled to slay their children. Nicolas Cage (2017, 15) 12.45am Bloodline ★★★ Gripping revenge thriller with a fantastic lead turn from Seann William Scott (2018 18) 2.40-4.30am Peripheral \*\*\* Videodrome-like sci-fi horror about

an author who begins to lose the Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

### Legend Xtra 69

8.00am Earthfall ★ A roque planet twists the Earth on its axis in this humdrum low-budget disaster movie. Pressly Coker, Raffaello Degruttola, Jeff Doucette (2014) 10.00 Megalodon \*\* Low-budget take on shark flick *The* Meg, with Michael Madsen as a US Navy admiral up against a prehistoric monster (2018, 15) 12 noon Shark Season \* Three kayakers are tormented by a malevolent Great White. Michael Madsen (2020, 15) **2.00pm** 

Asteroid-a-Geddon ★ Disaster movie that sees Earth threatened by a giant asteroid, Veronika Issa (2020, 12) 4.00pm Andromeda Five episodes of the TV sci-fi series.

9.00 Lawnmower Man 2: **Beyond Cyberspace** ★ Confusion reigns in this thin sequel to the surprise 1992 hit. Patrick Bergin (1995, 12) 10.55 Pet ★★★ A high-school crush descends into adult obsession in this twisted and grisly thriller from Spanish director Carles Torrens. Dominic Monaghan, Ksenia Solo, Jennette McCurdy (2016, 18)

1.00-3.00am As 9pm Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Skv 317

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## FILM REVIEWS



P The Father \*\*\*\*\*\* 9.25-11.25pm C4 12

DRAMA Adapting his acclaimed play, Florian DAY Zeller makes a breathtaking directorial debut with this perceptive look at dementia and the toll it takes on those close to the afflicted. Anthony Hopkins is the elderly, proud man suffering memory loss and increasing confusion, while Olivia Colman is the concerned daughter trying to balance parental love and care with her own life needs. Zeller's masterstroke is in conveying the experience of a disintegrating mind through distorted realities and dramatic shifts in perspective, and Hopkins won an Oscar for his devastating performance. ALAN JONES (UK/Fr 2020, violence, swearing, HD)

#### Muppets from Space 8 \*\*\*\*

2.20-4.05pm Film4

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**COMEDY** This chucklesome outing for the Muppets focuses on Gonzo, who starts to believe his long-lost family are aliens who are coming to take him home. Meanwhile. government agents - and aspiring reporter Miss Piggy - seek to abduct him. F Murray Abraham, Andie

MacDowell and Ray Liotta are among the game human cast. SIMON ROSE (UK/US 1999, HD)

#### Mirror Mirror ★★ 2.50-5.00pm **5 Star PG**

**FANTASY** This re-imagined fairy tale stars Lily Collins as Snow White, whose wicked stepmother (Julia Roberts) takes over the kingdom. The seven dwarves are recast as forest-dwelling rebels, and are led by our plucky heroine in an attempt to win back her birthright. Despite its efforts to be original, this pales in comparison to more famous tellings of the story. AJ (US 2012, some violence)

#### Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 ★★★

5.30-7.55pm ITV1

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**FANTASY** The seventh entry in the franchise feels like an extended prologue to the epic final film. The pacing drags a

bit, as Harry (Daniel Radcliffe), Hermione (Emma Watson) and Ron (Rupert Grint) embark on an extended road trip, but there are some stunning set pieces to be had. **STUART MANNING** (UK/US 2010, may be edited for violence, HD)

#### Bill & Ted's Excellent **Adventure**

**★★★★** 7.05-9.00pm

**Great Movies** 

**COMEDY** This beguiling mix of time-travel clichés, hardrock music and Valley speak is a nonstop giggle from start to finish. Keanu Reeves and Alex Winter play the wannabe rock stars who take a wild ride through history, picking up various iconic figures along the way, so as not to flunk a high school exam. It's as daft as it is entertaining. AJ (US 1988, may be edited for language)

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#### Insuraent ★★

7.55-9.40pm **BBC3** 

**SCI-FI** Picking up events after Divergent, this first sequel is a visually impressive if rather bland affair. Shailene Woodlev and Theo James return as heroes Tris and Four, who are now on the run from leader Jeanine (Kate Winslet). Woodley gives a spirited performance, but the movie gets bogged down by a plot that plods. VICTORIA LUXFORD (US 2015, may be edited for content, HD)

#### The Hangover: Part II \*\*\*

9.00-11.05pm 5 Star

**COMEDY** Leaving behind glitzy Las Vegas, the Wolf Pack heads to Bangkok in this more-of-the-same comedy sequel. Ringleader Bradley Cooper plays it nonchalant and Zach Galifianakis is his

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usual goofy self, but it's Ed Helms who really gels the team, as the trio attempt to piece together the events of a wild night. Some recycling of old jokes aside, this is still a lot of fun. **STELLA PAPAMICHAEL** (US 2011, drug abuse, nudity, swearing, HD)

#### **Clear and Present Danger** ★★★ 11.25pm-1.55am **C4** 12

**THRILLER** This decent sequel to Patriot Games finds Harrison Ford once again on commanding form as CIA troubleshooter Jack Ryan. The story takes some time to gather momentum, but, once the links between the Colombian drugs barons and some top US officials are established, it's action all the way. DAVID PARKINSON (US 1994, violence, swearing, HD)

#### P You Are Not My Mother ★★★★

11.40pm-1.30am **Film4** 

**HORROR** Bringing a dash of Irish folklore to a drab Dublin housing estate, writer/ director Kate Dolan's feature debut is memorably creepy. Hazel Doupe is excellent as teenager Char, whose mother Angela (Carolyn Bracken) disappears in alarming circumstances. When Angela returns, Char is convinced she's a different person and perhaps not even human at all. MATT GLASBY (Ire 2021) violence, swearing, drug abuse, HD)

#### Sky Cinema picks

#### Nanny McPhee & the Big Bang ★★★★

2.05-4.00pm Sky Family Delightful fantasy. (2010, U) Sky 306; Virgin 406; BT 506/520

**Beast** ★★★ 6.10-8.00pm Sky Best of 2023

Idris Elba faces a lion. (2022, 15) Sky 302, Virgin 402, BT 502/516

**My Bloody Valentine** ★★★ 11.05pm-12.55am Sky Cinema Sci-Fi/Horror Solid slasher remake. (2009, 18)

Sky 311; Virgin 411; BT 511/525

Films to stream from p34 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more



## **SATURDAY**

# Satellite, cable

#### Sky Showcase



**Lockerbie** 9.00pm Victoria Cummock shares her story

6.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 9.30 The Ultimate Adventure Movies (Ap) 10.30 New Saturday Social 12 noon The Simpsons 1.00pm The United Way (AD) 3.00 New. Soccer Saturday 5.00 Mysteries from Above

**6.00pm Evil Genius with Russell Kane 2/5.** Rachel Parris,
Ria Lina and Rick Edwards join
Russell to discuss Albert Einstein.

**7.00 The Simpsons** Homer takes Bart and Lisa to a rock festival. **7.30** Lisa changes her image.

**8.00 A League of Their Own** *Ep 6 Series 18.* With guests Stuart Broad and Tom Davis.

9.00 New. Lockerbie 2/4

Investigators uncover a key piece of forensic evidence that points to a Palestinian terror cell. **See page 41.** (AD)

**10.05 The Lazarus Project** *Ep 3 Series 2.* The team gets closer to cracking the science behind time travel, but their mission isn't quite as straightforward as Wes is making it out to be.

11.00 Ricky Gervais Live:
Animals The comedian's hugely successful stand-up show.
12.30am The Force: Manchester

1.30am Road Wars: double bill 3.00-6.00am Nothing to Declare Sky Showcase Sky 106 Virgin 109 BT 340/HD 355 +1 Sky 206

#### Sky Sci-Fi

**6.00am** Most Haunted **8.00** Home Shopping **11.00** Stargate SG-1 **4.00pm** Stargate Universe

**6.00pm Stargate Universe**3/20 Series 1. The Destiny's air supply begins to dwindle, and a team is sent to a desert planet in search of a mineral that can clean the air of carbon monoxide.
7.00 4/20. Dr Rush tries to find out why the Destiny has lost power, and the crew hopes a nearby solar system may provide

the key to its survival.

8.00 5/20. The crew decides to abandon ship, hoping one of three nearby planets will be habitable, but the remaining shuttle only supports 17 people.

**9.00 True Blood 9/12** Series 5 Eric plots his escape from the grasp of the Authority. Andy and Jason hunt the shifter killers, and Alcide visits his father. **10.10 10/12.** The Authority tries to boost morale following a spate of vampire attacks, and Jason discovers a scroll that may hold

the answer to his parents' deaths.

11.10 20.0 Megaquake ★

William Baldwin. A team of disaster experts must work to avert further mass destruction when a series of foreshocks wreaks havoc on San Francisco.

1.00am Stargate SG-1: triple bill

**4.00–6.00am** Most Haunted

**Sky Sci-Fi Sky** 139 (140 Scotland) **Virgin** 122 **BT** 348/H**D** 363 **+1 Virgin** 229

#### Sky Atlantic



**Game of Thrones** 7.55pm Viserys causes uproar

**6.00am** Urban Secrets **9.00** Tin Star: five back-to-back episodes (AD)

**2.25pm Billions** *8/12 Series* 1 Axe receives a tip about a mole inside his company, throwing the US Attorney's case into jeopardy. **3.30** *9/12*. A sudden and mysterious disappearance leaves Axe and Churck in a spin

Axe and Chuck in a spin.

4.40 Billions 10/12. The death of a member of the Axe Capital family forces both Axe and Wendy to do some soul searching.

5.45 11/12. Axe loses hundreds of millions of dollars on a bad trade and turns to Wendy for help.

and turns to Wendy for help. **6.50pm 12/12.** Axe learns that Chuck has evidence against him that could land him in prison. (AD)

7.55 Game of Thrones 6/10 Series 1. Ned investigates rumours about the Lannisters and Viserys causes uproar in Khal Drogo's city.
9.00 7/10. House Lannister prepares for conflict. Ned confronts Cersei about Jon Arryn's death.
10.05 8/10. The Lannisters launch their bid to seize power. Tyrion forms an unlikely alliance.
11.10 9/10. Ned faces a fateful decision to save Sansa's life.
12.15am 10/10. Tywin sends Tyrion on a surprising assignment. (AD)
1.20 The Staircase (AD) 2.30 The Outsider (AD) 3.35 In Treatment
4.05–6.00am Urban Secrets
Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales)
BT 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

#### Sky Witness

**6.00am** Motorway Patrol **8.30** Border Patrol **12 noon** The Force: Manchester **1.00pm** Caught Red Handed **2.30** Caught on Dashcam

**3.30pm Nothing to Declare** Nine episodes following the work of customs officers in Australia.

**8.00 FBI: International** 16/22 Series 2. The team are joined by Jubal Valentine and Nina Chase when the abduction of an architect appears to be linked to a brewing terror threat.

**9.00 FBI 16/23** Series 5. Maggie calls in Remy Scott to aid Scola in his undercover mission to find the terrorists behind an imminent attack.

**10.00 FBI: Most Wanted 16/22** Series 4. The clock ticks as all FBI teams join forces to hunt down the fugitives getting closer to carrying out a deadly terror attack.

**11.00 The Rookie 1/20** Series 2 Officer Bradford fights for his life as the rest of the team deal with the fallout from the attack in Los Angeles. Meanwhile, the rookies learn their fates. (AD)

12 midnight The Good Doctor: the medics struggle with surgeries in the midst of a heatwave 1.00am For Life: Maskins arranges for a dangerous inmate to be transferred to Bellmore (AD) 2.00 The Force: North East: an emergency dash results in a collision between the police van and a taxi 3.00–6.00am Nothing to Declare (AD)

**Sky Witness Sky** 107 **Virgin** 110 **BT** 341/HD 356 **+1 Sky** 207 **Virgin** 310

#### Sky Max



**Flintoff: Lord of the Fries** 9.00pm A trip to Lancashire

**6.00am** Supergirl **11.00** Merlin (AD) **3.00pm** Hawaii Five-O

**6.00pm Hawaii Five-0** 8/24 Series 1. Danno is devastated to learn that a murder victim is a former partner who was the target of an Internal Affairs investigation. **7.00** 9/24. McGarrett and the team try to protect a visiting dictator and his family.

**8.00 A League of Their Own** *Ep 6 Series* 18. Stuart Broad and Tom Davis join regulars Jamie Redknapp, Micah Richards and Jill Scott. Romesh Ranganathan hosts.

**9.00 Flintoff: Lord of the Fries 6/6.** The duo meet Rob's cycling heroes Bradley Wiggins and Mark Cavendish in Liverpool. (AD)

**10.00 The Lazarus Project** *Ep 3 Series 2.* The team gets closer to cracking the science behind time travel, but their mission isn't quite as straightforward as Wes is making it out to be.

11.00 The Ultimate Action Movies Clara Amfo, Russell Kane and Guz Khan go head to head as they discuss the essential elements that must feature in the ultimate action movie.

**12 midnight** The Force: Manchester **1.00am** Road Wars **3.00** Caught on Dashcam (AD) **4.00–6.00am** Stop, Search, Seize (AD)

**Sky Max Sky** 113 (114 Wales) **Virgin** 111 **BT** 346/HD 361

#### **Sky Replay**

7.00am Dragons: Rescue Riders 9.05
Four Weddings (AD) 12 noon MacGyver: five episodes. The team heads to Malaysia 1.00pm Mac tries to defuse a Soviet-era nuclear warhead 2.00
Angus tries to protect a whistleblower 3.00 A criminal plants a bomb close to the United Nations headquarters 4.00
Angus goes under cover (AD) 5.00
Quantum Leap: five episodes. Sam swaps places with a vampire 6.00 Sam's evil counterpart returns 7.00 Sam and Alia find themselves in a women's prison 8.00 Sam becomes Marilyn Monroe's chauffeur 9.00 Sam materialises as a Vietnam veteran 10.00 A League of Their Own: Romesh Ranganathan hosts as Stuart Broad and Tom Davis join regulars Jamie Redknapp, Micah Richards and Jill Scott 11.00 A League of Their Own Won Road Trip: Dingle to Dover (AD) 3.00–6.00am Four Weddings

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

#### **Sky Crime**

6.00am Highway Cops (AD) 7.00 Highway Patrol 10.30 Caught Red Handed 12 noon Caught on Dashcam 1.00pm How I Caught the Killer (AD) 2.00 World's Most Evil Killers (AD) 4.00 Britain's Most Evil Killers 6.00pm Forensics: Cat

6.00pm Forensics: Catching the Killer (AD) 7.00 Killer in My Village 8.00 Britain's Most Evil Killers: how a man was convicted of the murder of his 15-year-old niece in 2002 9.00 World's Most Evil Killers 10.00 The Real Manhunter (AD) 11.00 The Murder of Lyn Dawson: the Teacher, the Groomer, the Killer 12 midnight How I Caught the Killer 1.00am Killing Mum and Dad (AD) 2.00 Snapped 3.00 World's Most Evil Killers (AD) 4.00 Road Wars 5.00-6.00am Motorway Patrol

**Sky Crime Sky** 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **BT** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321

#### Gold



**Blackadder's Christmas Carol** 8.00pm Ebenezer

7.10am The Two Ronnies 7.55 The Green Green Grass 8.50 Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out 9.25 Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers 10.05 Dad's Army: the Animations (AD) 10.35 Only Fools and Horses (AD) 12.05pm The Two Ronnies: Old Fashioned Christmas Mystery 1.05 Victoria Wood as Seen on TV 2.00 Only Fools and Horses (AD) 3.40 Trust Morecambe & Wise 4.40 Ghosts (AD) 5.20 The Vicar of Dibley (AD)

**6.40pm Only Fools and Horses**Del and Rodney put on their glad rags and have a night out. (AD) **7.25** Del finds a new lady friend. (AD)

**8.00 Blackadder's Christmas Carol** Comic version of the classic tale, starring Rowan Atkinson.

**9.00 Mrs Brown's Boys** Doting mother Agnes tries to arrange the perfect family Christmas. **9.35** Agnes stages a Nativity play at the community centre.

**10.15 Men Behaving Badly** Tony and Gary's anticipation of Christmas soon gives way to disappointment.

11.20 Harry Enfield and Chums Featuring characters Kevin and Perry and Tim Nice-But-Dim. (AD) 12.15am Harry Enfield and Chums (AD) 1.05 Blackadder's Christmas Carol 2.15 Mrs Brown's Boys 3.20-4.00am Desmond's

Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 BT 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

#### **Sky Comedy**

8.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
10.30 Entourage 1.30pm The Conners
4.00 Will & Grace (AD) 6.30 The Office
US: five episodes. Robert shuts down
the Binghamton branch 7.00 Dwight
gives the Scranton branch workers free
family portraits 7.30 The workplace
welcomes two new faces 8.00 Jim and
Pam get a surprise invitation to Roy's
wedding 8.30 Pam bonds with Nellie
9.00 Curb Your Enthusiasm: double
bill. Larry organises a Seinfeld reunion,
then he abuses his doctor's trust 10.15
Sex and the City: double bill. Carrie tries
to change Big, then Miranda crosses
class boundaries 11.30 The Office US
12.30am My Dad Wrote a Porno: stage
show special based on the podcast (AD)
1.45 Intelligence (AD) 2.45 How to
Make It in America 4.30–5.00am
The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

**Sky Comedy Sky** 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **BT** 347/HD 362

#### **Comedy Central**

8.00am Most Ridiculous 9.00 The Middle (AD) 2.00pm FILM Santa Who? \*\* Good-natured seasonal comedy starring Leslie Nielsen. Santa Claus falls out of his sleigh and loses his memory 3.50 The Middle (AD) 4.50 Friends (AD) 9.00 FILM Dumb and Dumber To \*\* Cornedy sequel starring Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels. The hapless duo hit the road to track down Harry's estranged daughter – and a new kidney 11.15 FILM Nurse Betty \*\* Black comedy drama starring Renée Zellweger. A waitress believes she's a soap opera character 1.15am Mike Judge's Beavis and Butt-Head 2.10 Ugly Americans 2.35 South Park 4.15–5.00am Most Ridiculous

**Comedy Central Sky** 112 (113 Wales) **Virgin** 132 **BT** 345/HD 360 **+1 Sky** 212 (213 Wales) **Virgin** 332

#### Alibi



**Death in Paradise** 8.00pm Neville investigates a death

**7.15am** Murdoch Mysteries **10.00** Hudson & Rex (AD) **2.00pm** Father Brown: four episodes (AD)

**6.00pm Inspector George Gently 3/3** Series 1. The beaten body of a German businessman is discovered in the harbour, prompting Gently and Bacchus to consider whether a barman's anti-German sentiments are a motive for murder. (AD)

**8.00 Death in Paradise 9/9**Series 10. A shipping magnate is found dead at a party. Things get stranger when a man in London receives a Christmas card connected to the victim's death. (AD)

10.00 Father Brown 9/15

Series 3. A body is discovered in a vineyard and Father Brown is tasked with searching for the murderer among a group of suspects who are all seeking to reinvent themselves. (AD)

11.00 10/15. The priest becomes embroiled in an audacious art heist masterminded by Flambeau, who intends to use Father Brown and his friends to help him settle an old score. (AD)

12 midnight Black Sands: Salomon visits Helga and Elin, while Anita deals with Gusti, who has extended his stay 1.10–4.00am Hudson & Rex: three episodes (AD)

**Alibi Sky** 109 (110 Wales) **Virgin HD** 114 **BT** 343/HD 358 **+1 Sky** 209 (210 Wales) **Virgin** 191

#### **Discovery**

6.00am Barnwood Builders 12 noon Countdown to Collision (AD) 2.00pm Naked and Afraid: Last One Standing 6.00pm Gold Rush 7.00 The Garden: Commune or Cult?: loyalties will be tested and friendships questioned as the vote approaches for Tyler M and whether he can stay in the commune (AD) 8.00 Gold Rush: White Water: a medical emergency threatens to end the season before it begins 9.00 Survive the Raft: a newcomer is ready to light a match and watch the raft burn 10.00 How the Universe Works: a team of robot sleuths roam Mars on a mission to uncover its secrets (AD) 11.00 Aliens in Alaska: a man on a night-time snowmobile ride suddenly feels something has been implanted in lis leg 12 midnight Wheeler Dealers 4.00–5.00am How It's Made

**Discovery Sky** 125 (126 Scotland) **Virgin** 177 **BT** 320/**HD** 325 **+1 Sky** 225 (226 Scot) **Virgin** 377

#### **Discovery History**

6.00am Shed and Buried 9.00
Salvage Hunters: the Restorers 12 noon
Salvage Hunters 3.00pm Shed and
Buried 6.00 Combat Dealers: double
bill. Bruce Crompton heads to Dunkin's
after finding a picture in his attic that
was given to him by a soldier, then one
of Bruce's clients seeks a German
half-track armoured personnel carrier
8.00 Unsolved History: double bill.
The mysteries surrounding Area 51
in the US state of Nevada, then
examining the Boston Massacre in 1770
10.00 Conspiracies Decoded: new
evidence reveals the secrets of a Nazi
programme to build a nuclear bomb
11.00 Lost Temples of the Jungle
12 midnight Combat Dealers
3.00-5.00am Salvage Hunters
Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181
+1 Sky 277 Virgin 381

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#### Sky Documentaries



The Last Rider 7.00pm American cyclist Greg LeMond

6.00am Discovering: Jack Lemmon (AD) **7.00** Discovering: Claudette Colbert (AD) **8.00** The Directors **9.00** Mama's Boy: a Story from Our Americas (AD) **11.00** Hawking: Can You Hear Me? (AD) **1.00pm** Lennox: the Untold Story **3.00 FILM** When We Were Kings The story of Muhammad Ali's fight to regain the world heavyweight title from George Foreman in 1974 (AD) (W) **4.45 New** The Number on Great-Grandpa's Arm **5.15** To End All War: Oppenheimer and the Atomic Bomb (AD)

### 7.00pm Greg LeMond: the Last

The story of the inspiring
Tour de France comeback by the US cyclist in 1989. See p40.

#### 9.00 New. Lockerbie 2/4

Investigators uncover a key piece of forensic evidence in the form of a fragment of a radio that points to a Palestinian terror cell. See page 41. (AD)

### 10.00 Bowling for Columbine

documentary from Michael Moore that looks at America's gun laws in light of the Columbine high school shootings of 1999. (W)

12.15am FILM McQueen ★★★★ A profile of Alexander McQueen (W) **2.15** A Crime on the Bayou (AD) **4.00–6.00am** Costa Concordia: Chronicle of a Disaster

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 BT 352/HD 367

#### **Nat Geographic**

8.00am Abandoned 9.00 Drain the Oceans: Deep Dive 10.00 Europe from Above 11.00 Car SOS (AD) 3.00pm Hindenburg: the New Evidence 4.00 History: the Interesting Bits 5.00 Air Crash Investigation: five editions, South Crash Investigation: five editions. South Korea's worst ever air disaster 6.00 Two pilots survive a crash that kills 37 passengers, and claim bad weather was to blame 7.00 Experts examine dashcam footage from a plane crash 8.00 Violent hijackers take over a Bulgarian airliner 9.00 Investigators try of find out; by a plane crashed just a to find out why a plane crashed just a to find out why a plane crashed just a few miles from the runway in Colorado 10.00 Ice Road Rescue: following a team of salvage truck drivers as they risk their lives to keep the roads safe in Norway and Sweden 11.00 Car SOS (AD) 2.00am Food Factory USA
2.55-5.00am Food Factory Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

### **Sky History**

**6.00am** River Hunters **6.55** National Park Mysteries **7.45** Pawn Stars **8.40** Hardcore Pawn **10.35** The Proof Is Out There: triple bill **12 noon** Legends of the Pharaohs: Secrets of the Pyramid Builders **2.00pm** Pawn Stars **5.00** Mysteries from Above **6.00** Evil Genius with Russell Kane: guests discuss the contribution of Albert Einstein **7.00** Brad Meltzer's Decoded: double bill. The Brad Metizer's Decoded: Oduble Bill. 1964 team members hunt for lost Confederate gold, then meet a possible accomplice of skyjacker DB Cooper 9.00 The Toys That Built the World 11.00 Scary Tales of New York: an attacker who planted bombs across the city **12.10am**Hardcore Pawn **2.00** Pawn Stars **5.00–6.00am** Legends of the Pharaohs: Secrets of the Pyramid Builders

**Sky History Sky** 123 (124 Scotland) **Virgin** 131 **BT** 353/HD 368 **+1 Sky** 223 (224 Scot) **Virgin** 331

#### Sky Nature



#### **Carpathian Predators**

6.00pm A lynx looks for food

6.00am Hope for Wildlife 7.00 Baby Animals **8.00** Dogs with Extraordinary Jobs (AD) **1.00pm** My Wild Cats **2.00** Monkey Life **3.00** Macro Worlds (AD)

#### 6.00pm Carpathian Predators A mother brown bear struggles to find food, while lynx kittens venture away from their den. (AD) **7.00** Examining the role played by the Furasian wolf in the Carpathian mountains. (AD)

8.00 My Wild Cats Observing five unique feline species as they make a comeback in the wild.

9.00 Shark Squad Following the work of a team as they attempt to unlock the secrets of sharks in the Bahamas, including their sociability, their bravery and where they go to give birth.

10.00 Queer Planet Experts reveal their findings about sexuality in the animal world.

11.50 Borneo Wildlife Rescue Aaron joins the Wildlife Rescue Unit as they confront a large and unwelcome guest – an urban python - knówn to eat chickens, cats, dogs, and even humans.

12 midnight New. My Wild Cats: five unique feline species **1.00am** Shark Squad **2.00** New series Whale with Steve Backshall **3.00–6.00am** Undiscovered Vistas

Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 BT 354/HD 369

#### Eden

9.00am World's Greatest Palaces (AD) **6.00pm** World's Greatest Palaces: six editions. The Royal Palace of Caserta near Naples, which houses a stillfunctioning silk factory that dates back to the 18th century **7.00** Behind the scenes at Kensington Palace in London **8.00** Neuschwanstein Castle in the Alps of southern Germany 9.00 A look at Edinburgh Castle – a symbol of Scottish might that has been besieged more than 20 times 10.00 Behind the scenes of the Château de Fontainebleau in France **11.00** Hampton Court Palace, which started out life as a Tudor palace in 1515 and is famous for being the home of King Henry VIII (AD) 12 midnight Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown 1.00am World's Greatest Palaces (AD) 5.30-6.00am David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

#### **Animal Planet**

8.00am Tanked 9.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 10.00 My Cat from Hell 11.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 12 noon Tanked 1.00pm Pit Bulls and Parolees
2.00 Monster Hammerhead (AD) 3.00
Sharks of the Shadowlands 4.00 My Cat from Hell **5.00** Animal Cops
Philadelphia (AD) **6.00** Tanked **7.00**How Do Animals Do That? **8.00**Guardians of Rescue: Marceline and Elle ouaridatis of rescue. Marcelline and the investigate a claim about starving horses **9.00** Animal Cops Houston: freak weather hits Texas (AD) **10.00** Alaska: Surviving the Last Frontier (AD) **11.00** Legends of the Wild (AD) 1.00am Alaska: Surviving the Last Frontier 2.00 My Cat from Hell 3.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 4.00–5.00am Tanked Animal Planet Sky 162 (178 NI) Virgin 178 +1 Sky 262 (278 NI) Virgin 378

### **SPORT**

#### **Sky Main Event**

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 BT 420/HD 440 6.00am LIVE European Tour Golf Australian Open, day three. 8.05 LIVE Women's Big Bash League Cricket The final 11.30 Sky Sports News 12 noon LIVE Championship Football West Bromwich Albion v eicester City (kick-off 12.30pm). 3.00pm Soccer Saturday
5.00 LIVE Premier League Football Nottingham Forest v Everton (kick-off 5.30).

8.30 LIVE PGA Tour Golf The Hero World Challenge, day three. 10.00 Sky Sports News 2.00-7.00am LIVE European

**Tour Golf** The Australian Open, the final round from Melbourne.

#### Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 BT 422/HD 442 **6.00am** EFL Highlights **6.15** Classic Play-Off Finals **7.15** EFL Rivalries (AD) 8.45 Best EFL Goals (AD) 9.15 EFL Highlights 9.30 EFL Greatest Game: (AD) 9.45 German Football 10.15

EFL Highlights 10.30 Saturday Social 12 noon LIVE Championship Football West Bromwich Albion v Leicester City (kick-off 12.30pm). 3.00pm Soccer Saturday **5.00** Championship Highlights **5.20** LIVE German Football VfB Stuttgart v Werder Bremen. 7.30 German Football 9.30 EFL Highlights 10.00 German Football 10.30 Football's Transfer Window (AD) 11.30 Championship Football 1.30am EFL Greatest Games (AD) 2.00-6.00am EFL Highlights

#### Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 BT 424/HD 444 6.00am LIVE European Tour **Golf** Australian Open, day three. **8.00** The Life **8.30** Golf's Greatest Holes (AD) **9.00** Chronicles (AD) 10.00 LIVE European Tour Golf South African Open, day three. 2.30pm European Tour 3.30 Golf's Greatest Holes 4.00 European Tour
5.00 LIVE PGA Tour Golf The

Hero World Challenge, day three. 10.00 European Tour 11.00 Greatest Holes (AD) 11.30 Junior Golf 12.30am Playing Lessons 1.00 European Tour 2.00-7.00am LIVE European Tour Golf The Australian Open

#### Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 BT 426/HD 446 6.00am NFL 2.00pm GameDay 5.00 LIVE American Football A college game (kick-off 5.00). 8.00 NFL: action and features 9.00 LIVE American Football A college game (kick-off 9.00). 12 midnight NFL Bitesize 1.00am LIVE American Football A college game (kick-off 1.00). 4.30-6.00am NFL

#### **Eurosport 1**

Sky 413 Virgin 521 BT HD 412 **6.00am** Snooker: UK Championship **8.00** Cycling **8.30** Snowboarding **8.40 LIVE Ski Jumping** World Cup from Norway. More 10.50am. 9.20 Triathlon 9.50 Ski Jumping 10.50 LIVE Ski Jumping 12.30pm Snooker 147s 12.45 LIVE Snooker The UK Championship, first semi-final. 4.30 Climbing Show 5.00 Cycling 6.00 Snooker: UK Championship 6.45 LIVE Snooker The UK Championship, second semi-final. 10.30 Teqball 12 midnight Winter Sports 2.00am Snooker 4.00 Ski Jumping 5.00-6.00am Biathlon



#### **Premier League Football** 5.00pm Sky Premier League Forest midfielder Orel Mangala

#### Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 BT 421/HD 441 6.00am Greatest Games 7.00 Premier League Years: 1994/95 (AD) 9.00 The Big Interview **9.30** Stories **10.00** Sky Sports News **10.30** Saturday Social

12 noon Soccer Saturday: live scores 5.00pm LIVE Premier League **Football** Nottingham Forest v Everton (kick-off **5.30**).

8.30 Soccerbox 9.30 Big Interview 10.00 Stories 10.30 Highlights 3.00am Greatest Games 4.00 Best Goals 5.30-6.00am 100 Club (AD)

#### **Sky Cricket**

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 BT 423/HD 443

6.00am Women's World T20 (AD) **6.30** Pushing Boundaries (AD) **7.45** Masterclass **7.55** Women's Big Bash **8.05** LIVE Women's Big Bash League Cricket The final. **11.30** Pushing Boundaries (AD) **12.45pm** Best of the Big Bash (AD) 1.00 Women's Big Bash League 4.35 Masterclass 4.45 Women's World T20 (AD) 5.45 Pushing Boundaries (AD) 7.00 Women's Big Bash League 10.35 Nat Sciver Masterclass 10.45 Pushing Boundaries (AD) 12 midnight Women's Big Bash League: the final 3.35am Masterclass 3.45-6.00am Women's World T20

#### Sky Arena

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 BT 427/HD 447

6.00am Super League (AD) 11.30 Basketball **2.00pm** Unbeatable **2.30** Pool **3.00** Boxing (AD) **9.00** The Gloves Are Off 10.00 Boxing (AD) 12 midnight Boxing Archive 2.00am Boxing 3.00-6.00am Basketball

#### Sky Sports Mix

Sky 416 Virgin 510 BT 429/HD 449 8.05-11.30am LIVE Women's **Big Bash League Cricket** The final of the T20 competition.

#### Eurosport 2 Sky 414 Virgin 522 BT HD 413

**6.00am** Sailing **6.35** Winter Sports **8.35** LIVE Cross-Country Skiing World Cup from Sweden. 9.50 LIVE Nordic Combined Skiing World Cup from Norway. 10.50 LIVE Cross-Country Skiing World Cup from Sweden.

12.20pm LIVE Nordic Combined Skiing World Cup from Norway. 1.40 LIVE Biathlon World Cup. 3.05 LIVE Ski Jumping World Cup from Lillehammer, Norway. **5.00 LIVE Alpine Skiing** World Cup, women's giant slalom; **5.30** Men's downhill in Colorado; **7.15** Women's giant slalom. 8.15 Winter Sports 11.30 Sailing **12 midnight** Playing Fields **1.00am** Speedway **2.00** Cyclo-Cross: World Cup **4.00–6.00am** Snooker

#### **TNT Sports 1**

Sky 410 Virgin 527 BT 408/HD 430 6.00am Premier League Preview 6.30 LIVE Australian Football Western Utd v Wellington Phoenix, men's A-League (kick-off **6.30**). 8.30 Sport in Focus (AD) 8.45 LIVE Australian Football Sydney FC v Perth Glory, a men's A-League match (kick-off **8.45**). 10.45 Premier League Preview 11.15 Sport in Focus (AD) 11.30 Premiership Rugby Union **12.30pm** Bristol Bisons: Pride on the Pitch (AD) 1.30 LIVE Premiership Rugby Union Bristol Bears v Glouces Rugby at Ashton Gate (ko **2.00**); **4.15** Saracens v Northampton Saints (kick-off 4.30). 7.00 LIVE Premier League **Football** Newcastle United v Manchester United (kick-off **8.00**). 10.30 The Football's On 11.30 LIVE International T20 Cricket New Zealand v Pakistan. the first in a three-match women's series at University of Otago Oval. **3.45am** NBA Action (AD) 4.45-5.45am International T20

#### Cricket Highlights: India v Australia TNT Sports 2

Sky 411 Virgin 528 BT 409/HD 431 6.00am Boxing 8.00 Badminton 8.30 LIVE Badminton The Syed Modi International semi-finals. **5.00pm** MotoGP Rewind (AD) 5.15 LIVE Italian Football Lazio v Cagliari, joined in progress. 7.00 Champions League Football 7.30 LIVE Italian Football AC Milan v Frosinone (kick-off **7.45**). **9.45** Champions League Reload 10.00 LIVE UFC Prelim bouts; 12 midnight Beneil Dariush v Arman Tsarukyan at lightweight. **3.30am** UFC Fight Flashback (AD) 4.00-6.00am LIVE Australian Football Central Coast Mariners v Melbourne Victory, the men's A-League match (kick-off **4.00**).

#### TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 BT 410/HD 432 6.00am Badminton 6.30 The Fantasy 6.00am Badminton 6.30 The Fantas Show 7.00 Premiership Rugby Union 8.00 Italian Football 9.00 Wrestling: WWE 10.30 Sign Up: into Football 11.15 LIVE Abu Dhabi T10 **Cricket** Deccan Gladiators v Team Abu Dhabi from the UAE; **1.45pm** Delhi Bulls v Bangla Tigers; **4.15** Chennai Braves v Northern Warriors from Abu Dhabi. **6.45** TNT Sports Cricket Reload **7.00** NBA Action **7.30** NBA 9.00 LIVE NBA LA Clippers v Golden State Warriors from Crypto.com Arena (tip-off **9.00**). **11.30** Italian Football: three matches **2.30am** French Football: two games **4.30** Fishing: on the Bank (AD) **5.30–6.00am** Badminton

#### **TNT Sports 4**

Sky 421 Virgin 530 BT 411/HD 434 6.00am Badminton: China Masters **8.00 LIVE Squash** Hong Kong Open, coverage of the semi-finals. **12.30pm** Premier League Preview **1.00** TNT Sports Reload **5.30** NBA 7.00 International T20 Cricket 8.00 LIVE French Football Nantes v Nice (kick-off 8.00). 10.00 Wrestling 11.30 Rugby Union 2.30am Squash 4.00 Champions League Football 4.30 Amplified 5.00-6.00am Europa League

#### **Amazon Prime**

**5.00pm LIVE ATP Tennis** The Next Gen ATP Finals, the final at King Abdullah Sports City, Jeddah.



# ENTERTAINMENT Mamma Mia! I Have a Dream

6.10pm ITV1 Catch up via ITVX
A surreal note is struck as the semi-final opens. The Skys and Sophies each get "married", reading vows they've written (in character) as Alan Carr officiates (in character). It's a silly segue – albeit one with an emotional surprise for the six remaining singers. They then each perform one last Abba song solo, hoping to make next week's live final.

As Judy Craymer (very much the Anna Wintour of this outfit) coolly warns the judges: "Please make the right choice." Next week, that decision will be up to us. It's a shame this series hasn't set the ratings alight. Fingers crossed that among those that have been watching are casting directors who will hoover up any disappointed hopefuls. FRANCES TAYLOR

## NATURE Planet Earth III

6.20pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer There's a strong scene tonight where David Attenborough addresses us from a lush market garden. We must change our diets, he says, and eat more plant-based food to reduce the impact of farming on the natural world. Coming from the great man, it's a powerful plea, and it caps off a great episode that toys with our expectations.

The theme is how animals adapt to life alongside humans, from pavement ants dragging lumps of hotdog across New York, to humpback whales off Canada with new ways to scoop up herring. Those whales are really something and their story is unexpectedly hopeful. Also, there's a rhino plodding through a city in Nepal: we've seen him trailed a lot, but he's still amazing. DBu

# TRAVEL Bill Bailey's Australian Adventure

8pm **C4** Catch up via C4 streaming



"Everything here seems bigger [the colours, the tides, the skies] so your hearts have the

opportunity to be bigger, too," astronomer Greg Quicke tells Bill Bailey, who asks the star gazer with the long white beard, "So why do they call you Space Gandalf?"

Bill is in the northern part of Western Australia, where there are open roads and pristine white beaches, plus Jurassic footprints, ocean waterfalls and a thriving pearl industry. While Bill's not the best interviewer, barely scratching the surface of most subjects, he relishes every amazing experience – and that's great to see.

JANE RACKHAM

#### DRAMA Boat Story

9.00pm **BBC1** 

Full series available on iPlayer
Samuel's wife comes home to find
him and Janet. They look shifty. She
asks if they're having an affair. But
the truth, as we know, is arguably
graver. And things have just got even
worse; the pair have just come back
from the brink of another near-death
encounter, so surely it's time for
Samuel to come clean to his family
about the gambling, the drugs and
the money? Erm, no. Instead,
he throws Janet under the bus.
Or should that be boat?

Frustratingly abstruse and with too many peripheral characters and plots left wafting in the wind, at the end of this penultimate episode the narrator notes: "The end is coming... you can feel it too, right?" Yes, I can. Thank goodness. **FT** 

#### **ALSO ON TODAY**

#### My Life at **Christmas**

10.30am **BBC1** Host Adrian Chiles chats to celebrities today Oti Mabuse about their festive memories. New series.

#### Dodger

4.50pm **CBBC** Nicola Coughlan (right) stars as Queen Victoria, alongside Paul Whitehouse, Simon Callow, Alex Macqueen and Toby Stephens.



#### **Christmas** at Longleat

8.00pm Channel 5 A lantern festival is iust one of the seasonal events that help ready Longleat for the festive period.

#### **DOCUMENTARY** 24 Hours in **Police Custody**

9.00pm **C4** Catch up via C4 streaming Writers of TV crime dramas must look at 24 Hours in Police Custody and wonder "How can we compete with that?", because when it comes

to twists, it always surprises.

For this latest episode, it's going big with a run-time of 95 minutes and a fraught stand-off at a Bedford tower block that starts with a row with a food delivery driver but escalates into an armed siege. For Supt Steve Ashdown, it's essential that cameras follow his colleagues' every move, as he feels the public has the right to access all areas. particularly here where there's the possibility of officers' weapons being discharged. DAVID BROWN

#### **DOCUMENTARY Selfridges at Christmas**

9.00pm **Channel 5** Catch up: My5 Viewers of a certain age may remember what a treat it was to be taken up to Oxford Street in London to see the magical Christmas windows in Selfridges. While today's youngsters may be harder to please. this year's display in the West End store is as theatrical as ever with a Christmas tree diva and a stand-up comedy snowman.

Almost every high-street brand does a behind-the-scenes film at Christmas and Selfridges is no exception. But as well as showing off its wares, including a £2,500 hamper, there's a potted history of the store and its creator – the progressive Harry Gordon Selfridge, who would no doubt approve of this type of advertising. JR

### **DOCUMENTARY** Murdered: the **Baby on the Beach**

10.35pm **C4** Also C4 streaming

**SERIES** 

The starting-off point for this bleak three-parter is the discovery in 1984 of a murdered baby on White

Strand beach in County Kerry. But the search for the culprit eventually resulted in questions being asked not only about the conduct of Gardai officers, but also attitudes towards unmarried mothers in Ireland.

This is a case that saw Joanne Hayes – who was wrongly accused – receive an apology 36 years later from the head of the Irish police and the Irish minister for justice. The reasons why she became such a focus of the investigation are explored here and in the concluding episodes (tomorrow from 10.00pm), DB

### LIVE SPORT



#### **Snooker: UK Championship**

1.00pm, 7.00pm **BBC2** Mark Allen (above) took home last year's championship trophy but who will triumph today?

#### Football: Premier League Man City v Tottenham 4.00pm (4.30pm) **Sky Sports**

Main Event/Premier League Ange Postecoglou's Spurs face a big test. Sport: page 31

#### Football: FA Cup Eastleigh v Reading

12.40pm (k/o 1.30pm) **ITV1** Fifth-tier Eastleigh welcome League One opponents Reading at Ten Acres.

### **FILM OF** THE DAY



#### The Man Who Invented Christmas ★★★★ PG

6.00pm **Channel 5** Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol gets its own "making of" story in this warm-hearted drama. with Dan Stevens (above) as the author struggling for inspiration, and Christopher Plummer as Ebenezer Scrooge, who appears as the tale takes shape. (2017)

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SERIES FINALE

But honestly, what I've witnessed over these six episodes has hardly been mild.

We've had a full-on riot, domestic abuse, sexually predatory behaviour from an employer and now in this finale - a debt-ridden Aston (Javone Prince) being set upon rather viciously by a moneylender.

There is, though, light amid the shade, as final

event that sees the community pulling together in the face of adversity. And there's also a last-minute rug-pull that sets things up nicely for a second series, should ITV decide to commission it. They'd be fools not to, as Sunday 8pm dramas are notoriously difficult to craft, but writer Lenny Henry has succeeded when it comes to both concept and execution. DB

# **SUNDAY Main Channels**

#### **DAYTIME**

**6.00am Breakfast** Presented by Sarah Campbell and Ben Thompson. Continues on BBC2. (S) (HD) **7.50 Match of the Day** Shown yesterday 10.25pm (S) (HD)

9.00 Sunday with Laura Kuenssberg Interviews with key politicians and public figures. (S) (HD)

10.00 Politics England Regional reports. (S) (HD)

10.30 New series. My Life at Christmas with Adrian Chiles 1/3. The host talks to celebrities about their festive memories, starting with Oti Mabuse, (S) (AD) (HD)

11.30 Amanda and Alan's Italian Job 5/8. The pair set about transforming the scruffy courtyard. 12 noon 6/8. Amanda aims to bring a slice of Hollywood to Sicily. The whole series is on iPlayer. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 12.30pm Bargain Hunt Natasha Raskin Sharp and the antiques experts visit Peterborough. (R) (S) (HD)

1.15 BBC News Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD) 1.30 Songs of Praise: Young Chorister of the Year Aled Jones and the Rev Kate Bottley host the final. (S) (HD)

2.15 Planet Earth III 6/8 Series 3. Wildlife in the world's most extreme conditions. Shown last Sunday (S) (AD) (HD)

**3.15–4.55 Nativity!** ★★★ Comedy starring Martin Freeman. Teacher Paul Maddens is tasked with directing a Nativity play. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 57. Director Debbie Isitt (2009, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.05am Glorious Gardens from Above Christine Walkden visits Bodnant Garden in Snowdonia. (R) (S) (HD)

6.50 Countryfile Visiting Dumfries House.

**⊕BBC RED BUTTON 7.00-10.20** Marathon Live coverage of the annual 10K Valencia Marathon

7.50 Breakfast Sarah Campbell, Ben Thompson. (S) (HD) 9.00 Weatherman Walking Derek Brockway visits the Elan Valley. Last in series. First shown on BBC1 Wales (S) (HD)

9.30 Landward Dougie Vipond spots barnacle geese on the Solway Firth. Shown last Thu BBC Scotland (S) (HD)

10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites Highlights. (S) (HD) 11.30 Jimmy's Food Factory Ham. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 12 noon Home Comforts at Christmas Chef James

Martin welcomes guest Michael Parkinson. 12.30pm With guest Helen Skelton. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 1.00-5.15 LIVE Snooker Coverage of the opening session of the UK Championship final at York Barbican, where Mark Allen was victorious last year. (S) (HD)

6.00am James Martin's French Adventure The chef visits Claude Monet's home in Giverny, (R) (S) (HD)

7.00 Gino's Italy: Secrets of the South 5/6. Gino explores Pollino on horseback. Shown last Sun (S) (AD) (HD)

7.30 James Martin's Saturday Morning at Christmas Aled Jones guests. Shown Sat 9.30am (S) (HD) 9.25 ITV News (S) (HD)

9.30 Love Your Weekend with Alan Titchmarsh Alan welcomes Alfie Boe and Joan Bakewell. (S) (HD)

11.30 Fletchers' Family Farm 7/8. Kelvin begins to worry about the harvest. Signed repeat 5.05am (S) (AD) (HD)

12.30pm ITV News Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD) 12.40-3.45 LIVE FA Cup Football Eastleigh v Reading Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the second-round match from Ten Acres (kick-off 1.30), preceded by the third-round draw. Live coverage of Wrexham v Yeovil Town is on ITVX at 3.45pm. (S) (HD)

#### Channel 4

6.00am The King of Queens Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **6.50 Cheers** Two episodes of the comedy. (R) (S) (HD)

7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 The Simpsons Two episodes. (R) (S) (AD) 9.30 Sunday Brunch Tim Lovejoy and Simon Rimmer are joined by Carol Vorderman, Matt Lucas, Ruth Madeley,

Richard Armitage and Matthew Wolfenden. (S) (HD) 12.30pm The Simpsons Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.25 Terry Pratchett's The Abominable Snow Baby Animated adaptation of the short story. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 1.55 We're Going on a Bear Hunt Animation based on Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury's book. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.30-3.45 The Great British Bake Off 10/10. The bakers tackle their final challenges. Shown last Tue (S) (AD) (HD) BBC<sub>1</sub>

Planet Earth III 6.20pm Wild night: rhinos are often found walking in the streets of

Sauraha in Nepal



4.55pm BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

#### 5.20 Countryfile

At Poole Harbour, Ellie Harrison visits artificial rock pools and harvests sea spaghetti in her final episode for Countryfile, while Anita Rani joins a crew fishing for manila clams on one of the final catches of the season. Includes Weather for the Week Ahead. Series producer Gavin Ahern; Series editor Mark Beech (S) (HD)

#### 6.20 Planet Earth III

7/8 Series 3. Human. A look at the ways wildlife 8 Series 3. **Fullials.** A rook at the major survives in a rapidly changing world. Long-tailed macaques in Bali have learnt to steal tourists' most precious items, and then use them to barter with locals for food. In an Indian village, venomous cobras are seen hunting inside peoples' houses. In UHD on iPlayer, which also has series 1 and 2. See page 50. Producer Fredi Devas; Executive producer Mike Gunton (S) (AD) (HD)

7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: the Results Joss Stone performs a song from The Time Traveller's

Wife, and the two lowest-scoring couples face the dance-off. It Takes Two is on weekdays 6.30pm BBC2. Signed repeat Thursday 3am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 8.00 Survivor

12/16. Some of the castaways are proud of their achievements, while others are feeling deceived. Who will be the 11th person voted out of the game? Repeated Thursday 12.10am (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 Boat Story

5/6. Reeling from what they witnessed, Janet and Samuel struggle to catch their breath. PC Ben Tooh is hot on the trail and closing in on the pair, but the deeper he gets into his investigation the more dangerous it becomes. Continues tomorrow 9pm. The whole series is on iPlayer. See page 50.

Daisy Haggard Young Benoit Samuel Wells Paterson Joseph Peter Jeffries Craig Kelly Craig Fairbrass Suzie Jeffries Danielle Warwick Nigel Betts Camilla Wells Michele Austin Supt Hodgson Craig Dodds Phil Daniels Benoit Charlie Hamblett **Fthan Lawrence** Alan Jeffries Ben Tooh Oliver Sheridan Joanna Scanlan Pat Tooh Dr Weathers Joe Kennedy Nico Roaner The Tailor Tchéky Karvo Pierre Kerem Kocaer Maxim Simaitis Bottlehead John O'Neill The Tailor's Father Rick S Carr Dennis Young Tailor PC Jennings **Bin Pete** Matthew Mellalieu Rachael Havden Little Pete Samuel Holland Guy's wife Diane Beck William Fox Hodgson's assistant Other Tailor Nicole Keri Gaz Anya Wells Cherie Gordon Lucy Montgomery Other Janet Narrator Olafur Darri Olafsson Other Samuel Jason Pennycooke Writer Sophie Goodhart; Producer Matthew Bird Director Daniel Nettheim (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

#### 10.30 Match of the Day 2

Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League matches, including Liverpool v Fulham, Manchester City v Tottenham Hotspur and Chelsea v Brighton. Producer Ian Finch: Editor Jamie Gavin (S) (HD)

#### 11.55 Booksmart \*\*\*

Coming-of-age comedy. On the eve of their highschool graduation, best friends Molly and Amy decide to let their hair down for a change by going to a wild end-of-year party. However, their attempts to make up for lost time in one night do not go as planned. On iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 57.

Kaitlyn Dever Principal Brown
Beanie Feldstein Charmaine (Amy's mom)
Jessica Williams Doug (Amy's dad) Lisa Kudrov Director Olivia Wilde (2019, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Friday 10pm BBC3

1.30am Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD) 1.35-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD) BBC1 Freeview 1/HD 101 Freesat 101 Sky 101 Virgin 101 BBC2

QI XL 10.00pm Sandi Toksvia spreads some festive cheer in the Christmas edition from 2021



If the afternoon snooker coverage overruns, subsequent programmes and timings may change

#### 5.15pm Flog It!

Paul Martin and antiques experts Adam Partridge and Philip Serrell visit Ickworth House near Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk, where items include an East India Company medal and a vintage bathing costume. Paul also studies the works of John Constable. Director Rebecca Painting; Series producer Louise Hibbins (R) (S) (HD)

#### 6.00 Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights

Action from the second-round fixtures, including Eastleigh v Reading at Ten Acres and Wrexham v Yeovil Town at the Racecourse Ground. National League outfit Eastleigh were looking for an upset against a Reading side more accustomed to beginning their cup campaign in the third round. (S) (HD)

#### 7.00 Snooker

Live coverage of the second session of the UK Championship final from York Barbican, where the first player to reach ten frames will be crowned champion. Mark Allen (see panel below) went into this session 6–2 down last year, but mounted a superb comeback to claim a 10-7 victory and lift the trophy for the first time in his career. It was arguably the highlight of a superb 2022/23 season for the Northern Irish player. Hazel Irvine presents. (S) (HD)

Subsequent programmes may run late or change

#### 10.00 QL XL

Sandi Toksvig hosts the 2021 festive special, joined by regular panellist Alan Davies, and Bonnie Langford, Joe Lycett and Sally Phillips. The seasonal subjects starting with "S" include school nativity success statistics and the secrets of shiraz and sprouts. Director Diccon Ramsay; Series producer Piers Fletcher (R) (S) (HD)

#### 10.45 Hell or High Water ★★★★

Crime drama. Toby and his loose-cannon brother Tanner put aside their differences to carry out a series of robberies. They target branches of the Texas Midlands Bank, an institution that is threatening to foreclose on their family farm. However, a veteran ranger second-guesses their moves. Available on iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 57.

Tanner Ben Foster Jenny Ann Chris Pine Elsie Katy Mixon Dale Dickey Toby Kevin Rankin Marcus Hamilton Jeff Bridges Billy Rayburn Gil Birmingham Mr Clauson Alberto Parker William Sterchi Director David Mackenzie (2016, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

12.20-3.15am Sign Zone 12.20 Question Time Figna Bruce hosts from Doncaster. Shown last Thursday BBC1 (S) (HD) 1.20 The Newsreader 4/6. As the Bicentennial hype builds. Geoff's telethon is interrupted by a protest. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **2.15 When Blondie Came to Britain** How the UK was

Snooker

After triumphing in the final of the UK Championship in 2022, Mark Allen went on to win the World Grand Prix in January 2023. For his first success of the current season, the Northern Irish player and world number four scored an impressive 10-3 victory last month over Judd Trump in the final of the Champion of Champions tournament.

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### ITV1

Three Little Birds 8.00pm Leah faces a big challenge when the wedding is placed in doubt



#### 3.45pm Uncle Buck ★★★

Comedy with Jonn Canuy and massass, Culkin. Fun-loving bachelor Buck Russell Comedy with John Candy and Macaulay has to look after his young nephew and nieces while their parents are away. Review page 57. Director John Hughes (1989, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD

#### 5.45 ITV News

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

#### 6.10 Mamma Mia! I Have a Dream

7/8. It's the semi-final, and with only four of the six remaining wannabes making it through to the live final, they get some timely advice from Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again! star Cher. Zoe Ball presents. See page 50. Executive producers Judy Craymer, Ashley Whitehouse and Charlie Irwin (S) (HD)

#### 7.30 Gino's Italy: Secrets of the South

6/8. Gino climbs on his Vespa and follows the Adriatic coastline of Salento, where he meets a diver who fishes with a spear like the ancient Greeks, before serving up a pan-fried sea bass. Series director/producer Nadya Mahdi (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 8.00 Three Little Birds

6/6. Leah is saddled with a huge problem when a devastating turn of events leaves the wedding in the balance. Can she get Aston and Hosanna down the aisle? The whole series is available as a box set on ITVX. See page 51.

Leah Whittaker Rochelle Neil Shaun the landlord Steve Paget Hosanna Drake Yazmin Belo Karen Sally Mason Chantrelle Brahms Saffron Coomber Charlie Daniel Rock Aston Brahms Shelton Powell Javone Prince Skinny Bobby Gordon Mr Claude Mark Oliver Danny Lawrence Enhraim Whittaker Leemore Marrett Jr Mr Williams Andre Squire Shvorne Marks Lenny Henry Bernadette
Caitlin Sinclair Graham Cooper Remuel Drake Ruth Cooper Cokey Falkow Barry Aird Gideon Whittaker Shay Descartes David Ayres Caleb Whittaker Shobu Kapoor Selah Whittaker Michael Crump Beryl Pudae Malachi Hall Mrs Biswas Tierney Turner Jimmv Carolyn Lyster Mrs Boyce Elaine Ward Siobhan Wayne Cater Winifred Atwell Michelle Fox Allyson Devenish Gethin Boyce Writer Lenny Henry; Producer Stella Nwimo

### 9.00 I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of

Ant and Dec deliver their latest despatch from Down Under, as they find out which celebrities have been causing a rumble in the jungle and reveal who has the awesome responsibility of facing the stomach-churning Bushtucker Trial. Repeated tomorrow 12 noon and 5pm ITV2 (S) (HD)

#### 10.30 ITV News

Director Darcia Martin (S) (AD) (HD)

Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD)

#### 10.45 Sorry, I Didn't Know

3/5 Series 4. Jimmy Akingbola introduces the panel game based on black British history, with team captains Chizzy Akudolu and Eddie Kadi. Executive producers Fraser Ayres, Minnie Ayres and Jimmy Akingbola (S) (HD)

#### 11.20 Premiership Rugby Highlights

David Flatman and Topsy Ojo present the best action, including Harlequins v Sale Sharks. Repeated tomorrow 5.55pm ITV4 (S) (HD)

12.20am EFL Highlights A review of the weekend games. Shown yesterday 9pm ITV4 and 11.50pm ITV1 (S) (HD)

1.10 Home Shopping (HD)

3.00 Motorsport UK Richard John Neil introduces

action from Silverstone. Shown last Monday ITV4 (S) (HD) **3.50 Unwind** A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD) 5.05-6.00am Fletchers' Family Farm 7/8. Kelvin frets about the harvest, Shown 11,30am (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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### **Channel 4**

Bill Bailey's **Australian** Adventure 8.00pm That's a wrap: the comedian meets a furry friend



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#### 3.45pm The Dog House at Christmas

Fox terrier Ziggy meets the Thompson family. Series director Jordan Maloy Series producer Katie Brimblecombe (R) (S) (HD)

#### 4.50 Father Christmas

Acclaimed animation. What does Father Christmas do on the other 364 days of the year?
Director Dave Unwin; Producer John Coates (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 5.20 The Snowman

Animation about a snowman who comes to life. Director Dianne Jackson; Producer John Coates (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 5.55 The Snowman and the Snowdog

A boy's adventures with a snowman and a snowdog. Director Hilary Audus; Producers Camilla Deakin, Ruth Fielding and John Coates (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 6.20 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

#### **6.45** The Great Festive Pottery Throw Down

James Fleet, Jenny Eclair, Jamie Laing and Sunetra Sarker roll up their sleeves to create a Christmas scene and mulled wine tumblers. Director Mark Drake Series producer Jennifer Morrison (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 8.00 Bill Bailey's Australian Adventure

4/4. The comedian visits Port Hedland, one of the biggest ports in the southern hemisphere, where he meets some of the giants of the iron ore industry. Travelling to the beach resort of Broome, a crab attempts to steal Bill's pearl, and there are sunset camel rides and dinosaur footprints to experience. See page 50. Series director Rebecca Ciallella; Series producer Roger Power Repeated Tuesday 9pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 24 Hours in Police Custody

The inside story of an armed siege in a Bedford tower block, which began in the early hours of a guiet Sunday morning when two men blockaded themselves inside a flat. As one of the men starts posting live on social media, armed officers surround the building. See p51. Producers Liz Hazell and Anna Davis; Exec producers Simon Ford and Amber Ronowicz Repeated Tuesday 10pm (S) (HD)

#### 10.35 Murdered: the Baby on the Beach

New series. 1/3. Documentary revisiting a case that sparked outrage among women across Ireland and led to a high-profile tribunal of inquiry. In 1984, the body of a baby boy was found on a beach in County Kerry. The investigation, which involved detectives from across Ireland. cast suspicion on Joanne Hayes, a woman from the north of Kerry. More tomorrow 10pm. See p51. Director David Harvey; Producers Mariana Rios Sanchez, Sinéad Stimpfig and Jonathan Ford Rptd Wed 10.45pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 11.35 Gogglebox

**Ep 13.** The households' opinions on recent TV. Shown last Friday Signed repeat Wednesday 10pm (S) (AD) (HD)

12.35am The Lighthouse \*\*\*\* Psychological horror with Robert Pattinson and Willem Dafoe. In 1890s New England, a young man arrives on a small island to join a lighthouse keeper as a fellow wickie". The two men clash and a storm strands them together. Available to stream for 15 days. **Review p57.** Director Robert Eggers (2019, 15) (BW) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

2.30 The Couple Next Door 2/6. Alan's obsession with Becka grows. Shown last Tue (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **3.25 The Great Climate Fight 2/2.** Kevin McCloud, Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and Mary Portas outline ways to tackle carbon emissions. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.15 The Great British Bake Off: an Extra Slice 10/10 eries 14. The final. Shown last Thursday (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) 5.10-6.05am Château DIY at Christmas A festive visit from a fire safety inspector, (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

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### BBC4

Andrew Lloyd Webber at the **BBC** 8.00pm

A star-studded retrospective of a life in music



#### 7.00pm Nature: the Classical Collection

The natural world has always been a powerful inspiration to composers. From vast forests and tiny fish to wild storms and epic seascapes, this programme takes viewers on a journey through some of the best-loved musical responses to the living planet. Including works by Vivaldi, Debussy, Mendelssohn and Vaughan Williams. Producer Ian Michael Jones; Executive producer Fran Kemp Repeated 2.45am (R) (S) (HD)

#### 8.00 Andrew Lloyd Webber at the BBC

To mark his 75th birthday earlier this year, the composer takes a journey through the BBC archives, looking back on a collection of some of his biggest and best-loved songs, with performances by stars including Elaine Paige, Barbra Streisand, Diana Ross, Michael Ball and Michael Crawford. Lord Lloyd Webber also shares stories from behind the scenes of his most popular works, shedding light on how he knew Madonna would perform Evita years before she did, why the cast of Starlight Express ended up on roller skates and how Jason Donovan's Joseph inspired a new generation to fall in love with musical theatre. Producer Simon Catt; Series producer Simon Goretzki First shown on BBC2 (S) (HD)

### 9.30 Stephen Sondheim's Old

Originally broadcast a year on from the celebrated composer and lyricist's death at the age of 91, this all-star tribute concert was devised by Sir Cameron Mackintosh and staged in May 2022. Among the performers celebrating Sondheim's legacy are Michael Ball, Rob Brydon, Helena Bonham Carter, Petula Clark, Dame Judi Dench, Maria Friedman, Bonnie Langford, Dame Siân Phillips, Imelda Staunton and Gary Wilmot. Director Brett Sullivan
Producers Cameron Mackintosh and David Dolman

First shown on BBC2 (R) (S) (HD)

#### 11.40 Sondheim at the BBC

A special tribute to the celebrated composer, featuring archive footage of performances of his songs by some of the world's biggest stars, taken from BBC shows over the past 60 years. The programme includes clips of Shirley Bassey, Sammy Davis Jr, Michael Ball and Liza Minnelli. Series producer Simon Goretzki (R) (S) (HD)

1.10am What We Were Watching: Song and Dance Spectaculars Grace Dent celebrates the BBC's musical extravaganzas of the 1960s, 70s and 80s, featuring stars such as Cilla Black, Cliff Richard, Lulu, Twiggy and Shirley Bassey, and dance troupes including Pan's People and the Young Generation. (R) (S) (HD)

2.10 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em 5/6 Series 3. **King of the Road.** Frank takes a job as a dispatch rider. Shown last Tuesday (S) 2.45-3.45am Nature: the Classical Collection Shown 7pm (S) (HD)

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#### BBC<sub>1</sub> SCOTLAND

10.00-10.30am The Sunday Show: with Martin Geissler **11.55pm** Sportscene: Premiership Highlights: featuring St Johnstone v Celtic, Rangers v St Mirren and Hibernian v Aberdeen 1.10am FILM: Booksmart 2.45 Weather for the Week Ahead 2.50-6.00 BBC News

#### **BBC SCOTLAND**

7.00pm The Seven 7.15 Sportscene: Premiership Highlights **8.30** Loggerheads: the teams are in a beech woodland in Perth & Kinross in need of thinning out 9.00 Priest School: a look at the Scots College in Rome 10.00 Still Game 10.30 Two Doors Down 11.00–12 midnight Seven Days

#### **STV**

1.10-3.00am Night /ision **3.50-5.05** Night Vision

#### **BBC1 WALES**

10.00-10.30am Politics Wales: Teleri Glyn Jones presents

### **BBC2 WALES**

6.00-7.00pm Scrum Sunday: United Rugby Championship action, including the derby between Cardiff and Scarlets at Cardiff City Stadium

#### BBC<sub>1</sub> **NORTHERN IRELAND**

10.00-10.30am Sunday Politics Northern Ireland

#### BBC2 **NORTHERN IRELAND**

10.00pm Wayfaring Stranger with Phil Cunningham: musical connections between Scotland, Ulster and America **11.00** Sunday Politics Northern Ireland 11.30 QI XL 12.15–12.20am Barra on the Bann

Channel 5 listings are overleaf

# **SUNDAY Freeview**

#### Channel 5



Selfridges at Christmas 9.00pm Santa Claus brings some festive cheer

5.40am Milkshake! See page 56

9.55 SpongeBob SquarePants A sleigh race is held in Bikini Bottom, (R) (S) (HD) 10.20 Entertainment News (S) (HD) 10.25 NFL End Zone Action from Dallas Cowboys v Seattle Seahawks. (S) (HD) 10.50 Friends Series 9. Chandler plans to whisk Monica away – but ends up taking Ross. **11.20** Joey throws a party for his colleagues. **11.55** Chandler and Monica encounter an old

acquaintance at a fertility clinic. (R) (S) (HD) 12.25pm Unlocking Christmas ★★ Romantic mystery starring Taylor Cole. English, Spanish +subtitles. Director Don McBrearty (2020) (S) (W) (HD)

2.15 Christmas at the Holly Day Inn ★★ Romantic comedy starring Tamla Kari, Kevin Leslie and Colin Baker. Directors Monika Gergelova and Adam Wilson (2023) (S) (W) (HD)

#### 4.05pm Christmas on Main Street

★★ Romantic comedy starring Vanessa Lachey and Ryan McPartlin. Two budding business rivals put in a bid for the same shop – but they are forced to work together to impress the seller. Director Polly Draper (2020) (S) (W) (HD)

#### 6.00 The Man Who Invented Christmas ★★★★

Period comedy drama. In 1843 London, Charles Dickens is desperate to write a bestseller after a series of flops. Drawing on his own experiences, he creates Ebenezer Scrooge and a classic is born. Film of the Day: page 57. Dan Stevens Fhenezer Scroone/man at hurial Christopher Plummer Jonathan Pryce Simon Callow

**Donald Sumpter** 

Miriam Margolyes

John Leech Haddock, solicitor/ghost of Marley

Director Bharat Nalluri (2017, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

#### 8.00 Christmas at Longleat

A look behind the scenes as Lord and Lady Bath and their staff prepare the Wiltshire estate for its busiest time of vear. House curator James Ford and his team dress the Great Hall, and head forester Jim McConkie reveals how to select the ideal Christmas tree. (S) (HD)

#### 9.00 Selfridges at Christmas

Exploring how the department store is transformed for the festive season, including the secrets behind its window displays and preparations for this year's theatrical extravaganza. The programme also looks at the remarkable life of founder Harry Gordon Selfridge. See page 51. Director Aminah Brunt Rptd Thursday 7pm (S) (HD)

#### 10.00 When Christmas TV Goes **Horribly Wrong**

Noddy Holder narrates this look at embarrassing festive TV moments. Executive producers Elaine Hackett, Jason Wells and Simon Withington (R) (S) (HD)

12.50am Entertainment News (S) (HD) 1.00 Casino (S) (HD) 3.00 Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs: the nation's best-loved festive tunes (R) (S) (HD) 5.25 House Doctor (R) (S) (SL) 5.50-6.00am Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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**BBC4** listings are overleaf

#### BBC3



Paranormal: the Girl, the Ghost and the Gravestone 9.25pm Sian Eleri

#### 7.00pm EastEnders

Nish calls on Ravi to set out a plan. Shown last Wednesday BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD) **7.30** Ravi is forced to make a choice. Shown last Thu BBC1 Cast Wed/Thu BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 8.00 Doctor Who

Wild Blue Yonder. The Tardis takes the Time Lord and Donna to the furthest edge of adventure. A box set of previous episodes is on iPlayer. **See choice, p40.** Shown yesterday 6.30pm BBC1 Signed repeat Tuesday 1.15am BBC2 For cast see p42 (S) (AD) (HD) Christmas preview: page 16

8.55 Doctor Who: Unleashed 2/3. Behind the scenes with the cast of Wild Blue Yonder. See choice, page 40. Shown yesterday 7.25pm (S) (AD) (HD

#### 9.25 Paranormal: the Girl, the **Ghost and the Gravestone**

3/4. Multiple witnesses claim to see the same hooded figure, (S) (AD) (HD) 9.55 4/4. Sian Eleri meets the daughters of the couple that owned the house. The whole series is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.25 Him & Her

7/7 Series 2. Steve's ex-girlfriend enlists his help to search for her missing brother. 10.55 1/7 Series 3. Steve hides an engagement ring from Becky. 11.25 2/7. Steve cooks a large breakfast. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 11.50 RuPaul's Drag Race UK

10/10 Series 5. The grand final. (S) (HD) **1.00am** Charlotte in Sunderland: double bill (S) (HD) **2.00** Some Girls (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) 2.30-3.55am Him & Her (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 **Sky** 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) **Virgin** 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

6.00am CITV (HD) 9.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) 9.20 Dress to Impress (S) (SL) (HD) **11.20** Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD) 12.25pm I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! Shown yesterday 9.25pm ITV1 (HD) **1.25** Alan Carr's Epic Game Show (S) (AD) (HD) 2.25 In for a Christmas Penny (S) (AD) (HD)
3.10 FILM Turbo ★★★★ Animated comedy with the voice of Ryan Reynolds (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **5.05 FILM** Wallace & Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit \*\*\* Animated comedy adventure featuring the voices of Peter Sallis and Ralph Fiennes (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **6.50pm FILM The Grinch** ★★★★ Comedy fantasy based on the book by Dr Seuss. starring Jim Carrey. It's Christmas in Whoville and preparations are under way. Meanwhile, up in his mountain lair, cold-hearted hermit the Grinch sits alone resenting the Whovians happiness. **Review page 57.** (s) (AD) (W) (HD) **9.00 Family Guy** Series 21. Peter gets a job as a night watchman at the Pawtucket Brewery. **9.30** *Series 18.* Stewie receives a participation medal at school. **10.00** Series 13. Cleveland becomes a therapist and gives relationship advice to Peter and Lois. **10.30** Joe takes the guys on a road trip.

11.00 Brian goes to obedience classes and Chris makes a new friend. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.30 American Dad! Series 14. Roger and tan witness a grisly accident. (S) (AD) (HD) 12 midnight Jeff wins a tour through a mysterious weed factory. (S) (AD) (HD)

**12.30am** Shopping with Keith Lemon (S) (HD) **1.30** CelebAbility (S) (HD) **2.15** Unwind (S) (HD) **3.00** Home Shopping (HD) **5.00** Unwind (S) (HD) **5.15–6.00am** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315



Joanna Lumley's Unseen Adventures 9.00pm Visits to Iran and Azerbaijan

6.00am Never the Twain: Simon and Oliver take a weekend break (S) **6.40** A Touch of Frost: Series 3. Appropriate Adults. Jack tackles a sensitive investigation (S) (SL) (AD) 8.45 The Durrells: 3/6 Series 2. Flore reveals Sven's new love interest; 9.50 4/6 A seance is arranged (S) (AD) (HD) **10.50** The Darling Buds of May: **7/7** Series 2. Le Grand Weekend. Ma Larkin wins a weekend in Paris (S) (AD) (HD) 11.55 Endeavour: 3/4 Series 2 Sway. A multiple murderer haunts Oxford, strangling a series of women (S) (AD) (HD) 1.55pm Agatha Christie's Poirot: Cards on the Table. A bridge player is stabbed through the heart: **4.00** Taken at the Flood. A grieving

#### 6.00pm Vera

1/4 Series 1. Hidden Depths. When a young boy is found murdered in his bath. surrounded by flowers, DCI Vera Stanhope is called in to investigate. (S) (AD) (HD)

widow is suspected of murder (S) (HD)

#### 8.00 Long Lost Family

8/10 Series 11. Louise is looking for the father she never knew, having discovered at the age of seven that the man bringing her up was not her biological dad. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 Joanna Lumley's Unseen **Adventures**

3/3. Iran to Cuba. Including clips of a visit to Iran and the tomb of Cyrus the Great, and a journey along the Silk Road that lets the actress sample the splendours of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Venice. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 Endeavour

4/4 Series 2. Neverland. A journalist's body found in strange circumstances threatens to expose unspeakable horrors from the past. Endeavour and Thursday find themselves at the dark heart of corruption in Oxford's corridors of power. Shaun Evans and Roger Allam star. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.05am Upstairs, Downstairs: Series 3

What the Footman Saw. Edward's gossiping rattles his master (S) 1.10 Blue Murder: 3/6 Series 5. Tooth and Claw. A vet is murdered (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) 2.15-2.30am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 +1 F'view 59 (9pm-4am) F'sat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

6.00am Motorsport Mundial (S) (HD) 6.30 New, Auto Mundial (S) (HD) 7.00 Motorsport UK (S) (HD) **8.00** MotoGP Highlights (S) (HD) **9.00** EFL Highlights (S) (HD) **10.05** Hot Shots (S) (HD) **10.10** Minder (S) (AD)

12.25pm Cadfael (S) (HD) 3.40 FILM Bend of the River ★★★★ Western starring James Stewart and Arthur Kennedy (S) (HD)

5.35pm FILM The Train Robbers ★★★ Western starring John Wayne as a Civil War veteran hired by a widow to retrieve the loot from a bank robbery carried out by her late husband. But soon there is more than one interested in the bounty. (S) (W) (HD) 7.30 LIVE Spanish Football Barcelona v

Atlético Madrid, the La Liga match at Estadi Olimpic Lluis Companys (kick-off **8.00**). Semra Hunter hosts, with analysis from Vicky Losada and Guillem Balague, and commentary by Joe Speight and Terry Gibson. (S) (HD) 10.20 Nine Dart Finishes Highlights. (S) (HD)

10.30 New. Extreme E Delayed coverage of the second and final race of the Copper X Prix, the concluding meeting of the season. (S) (HD) 12.35am The Sweeney (S) 1.40 Minder (S) (SL) (AD) 2.40-3.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

#### **Drama**

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Traces 10.00pm Kathy makes some progress in her parallel investigation

**7.15am** The Bill: five episodes. Dale and Kerry fall foul of the Radfords; **8.05** Sam's teenage daughter goes missing; 9.05 Sam fears her daughter faked her own death: 10.05 Terry tracks down the paedophile who abused him; 11.10 Wayne Radford is found dead 12.15pm Inspector George Gently: 1/4 Series 6 Bacchus and Gently investigate the death of a man in custody (S) (AD) (HD) 2.10 Call the Midwife: 5/8 Series 10. While examining an expectant mother. Sister Julienne is concerned by her toddler's troubling symptoms; **3.30** 6/8. Dr Turner and Sister Frances help a mother-to-be who refuses medical care during her final weeks of pregnancy (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 4.50pm Catherine Cookson's The Cinder Path

Drama about one man's journey through love and war in the early part of the 20th century. Charlie MacFell returns to the family farm, where his father still rules with an iron fist – a situation that soon changes thanks to a misunderstanding. Lloyd Owen and Catherine Zeta-Jones star. (S)

#### 8.00 Inspector George Gently 2/4 Series 6. Blue for Bluebird

The body of a murdered girl, washed up by a pier, leads Gently and Bacchus to investigate the staff and guests at a family holiday camp. With guest stars Pixie Lott and Jodie Comer. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 New. Traces

4/6 Series 2. Two suspects derail the investigation as McKinven and Sarah are consumed by their feelings. First shown on Alibi (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 11.00 Taggart

1/3 Series 1. Killer. The first episode of the Glasgow-set crime drama. A murderer is on the loose, and one by one, bodies of young women are found strangled in the city. The inquiry is headed up by top detective Jim Taggart. (S)

1.55-4.00am The Brokenwood Mysteries: 1/6 Series 7. Mike and his team investigate the murder of a host from a hit TV series (HD)

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7.00am The Real Housewives of Atlanta (S) (HD) **8.00** The Big Bake: making a cake featuring Santa Paws (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe (HD)

12 noon Sugar Showdown (S) (HD) 12.25pm FILM Christmas in Rockwell ★★ Romance English, German +subtitles (S) (W) (HD) 2.10 FILM Secret Santa ★★ Romance (S) (W) (HD)
4.05 FILM Yuletide the Knot ★★ Romance starring Mary Antonini (S) (W) (HD)

6.00pm Billie and Greg: the Family Diaries It's back to school for Nelly and Arthur, and Billie has a mummy MOT. (S) (HD) **7.00 Fletchers' Family Farm** The family release their pet lamb Aga in with the rest of the flock, Shown 11.30am ITV1 (S) (AD) (HD) 8.00 New. The Big Bake The baking teams attempt to capture the cuteness of the young North Pole pals. (S) (HD)

**9.00 Botched** Helping a woman who had her first nose job aged 12. (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** The doctors treat a woman who claims to be unlucky. (S) (AD) (HD)

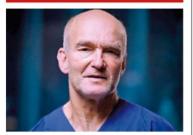
**11.00 Totally Unbelievable** A look at the world's most famous celebrity parents and

how they raise their kids. (S) (HD) 12 midnight-1.00am Bridezillas (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319

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**The Emergency Ward** 10.00pm Can Dr Steve save a young patient's hand?

**8.55am** George Clarke's Amazing Builds by the Sea (AD) **9.55** Ugly House to Lovely House with George Clarke (AD) **11.00** George Clarke's Old House, New Home (AD) **12 noon** Come Dine with Me: dinner parties around east Kent **2.40pm** Four in a Bed

5.20pm Come Dine with Me In Oxford, dinner parties feature a Love Island'themed do, a hangover and a few culinary disasters.
8.00 999: on the Front Line West Midlands paramedics find a woman collapsed on the floor, on the verge of a diabetic coma. Elsewhere, a young woman is in agony with stomach cramps and passes out from low blood pressure every time she gets up.
9.00 24 Hours in A&E Three boys are admitted to St George's for very different reasons, including cyclist Ollie, who arrives with head, neck and facial injuries having been involved in a traffic accident. (AD)
10.00 The Emergency Ward Dr Steve's young patient could lose his hand after being involved in a shocking accident at an abattoir, and a wayward spider sends a high-speed road crash victim to Dr Jana. (AD)

11.00 Emergency Helicopter Medics
A cyclist suffers life-threatening injuries
after a collision with a car in Oxfordshire,
while in Cumbria, heli-medics are needed on
one of the most remote roads in Britain. (AD)
12.05am The Good Doctor (AD) 1.00 999: on the
Front Line 2.05 24 Hours in A&E (AD)
3.10-3.40am A Place in the Sun

More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

**E4** 

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6.00am Hollyoaks: omnibus (AD) 8.25
FILM A Christmas Carousel ★★ Romance
10.05 Young Sheldon: five episodes (AD)
2.25pm The Big Bang Theory (AD) 2.50 FILM
Scrooged ★★★ Comedy with Bill Murray (AD)
4.50 The Great Festive Bake Off (AD)

**6.05pm FILM Transformers: the Last Knight** \*\*\* Sci-fi action adventure starring
Mark Wahlberg and Anthony Hopkins. When
Optimus Prime returns to what is left of
Cybertron, he is brainwashed by seductive
leader Quintessa to return to Earth to obtain
a mystical staff belonging to Merlin which will
bring his home planet back to life. (AD)

9.00 FILM Bad Teacher \*\* Comedy starring Cameron Diaz. Elizabeth Halsey doesn't set the best example to her high-school students; she drinks, swears and falls asleep in class. But when Elizabeth realises that the prize on offer for the highest achieving teacher would pay for her to get breast implants, she decides to change her ways – and woo a wealthy colleague. (AD) 10.50 Naked Attraction Singletons Cathy and Adam each choose a date (AD)

and Adam each choose a date. (AD)

11.55 First Dates A man in the drainage business dates a receptionist. (SL) (AD)

1.00am Gogglebox (SL) (AD) 3.00 Modern Family

3.25-6.00am Hollyoaks: omnibus edition Shown yesterday 3.45am C4 (SL) (AD)

E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106
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E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

#### Really 17

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea 7.00 Home Shopping 8.00 Fantasy Homes by the Sea 10.00 A Place in the Sun (AD) 3.00pm The Hotel Inspector 4.00 Antiques Road Trip 7.00 Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House (AD) 8.00 Dr Pimple Popper 9.00 Mew. My Deadly Face Tumour: Body Bizarre: a man with a facial tumour needs one more operation 10.00 New. Joined at the Waist: Body Bizarre 11.00 The Ghost Town Terror 12 midnight Ghost Adventures: Screaming Room 1.00am Ghost Adventures 2.00 Home Shopping 4.00-6.00am Animal Cops Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

#### **Sky Arts**



Classic Movies: the Story of Terminator 2: Judgment Day 9.00pm

**6.00am** Birmingham Opera Company Presents Rhinegold **8.55** Tales of the Unexpected **11.00** Portrait Artist of the Year

**12 noon** Discovering: Julianne Moore **1.00pm** Hitchcock on Grierson **2.00** The Agatha Christie Hour (AD) **3.00** Classic Albums **5.00** Pink Floyd: a Delicate Sound of Thunder: live performance from 1988

6.50pm ELO Live at Wembley 1978
The band performs a selection of their hits, including Mr Blue Sky and Sweet Talkin', Woman, in a 1978 concert at Wembley Arena.

8.00 The Directors A profile of Elia Kazan, who won Oscars for Gentleman's Agreement and On the Waterfront and also directed A Streetcar Named Desire and East of Eden.

9.00 Classic Movies: the Story of Terminator 2: Judgment Day Movie critic Ian Nathan examines what made James Cameron's Terminator 2: Judgment Day, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, a classic. (AD) 10.00 The Art of Film with Ian Nathan Examining the different ways in which film has presented the real-life stories of significant figures from Richard III to Charlie Chaplin. 11.00 Discovering: Julianne Moore The life and career of the Academy Award-winning

actress, known for her roles in *Still Alice*, *Boogie Nights* and *The End of the Affair*.

12 midnight Julie Andrews Forever (AD) 1.00am
Wonder Boy 2.50 27: Gone Too Soon 4.25
Discovering: The Doors 5.00 ZZ Top: Music Icons
5.30-6.00am Foreigner: Music Icons

**Sky Arts Freeview** 36 **Freesat** 147 **Sky** 130 (131 Scotland) **Virgin** 140/HD 123 **BT** 350/HD 365

#### 4seven

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9.00am Four in a Bed: ten editions
2.00pm A Place in the Sun: four editions
6.00pm A Place in the Sun Yvonne and
Tony look for their perfect property in
Paralimni in eastern Cyprus. Shown last Thu C4
7.00 Eileen from Birmingham searches for a
holiday home in Mar Menor. Shown last Wed C4
8.00 Grand Designs Kevin McCloud returns
to Cornwall to see Leigh and Richard's
progress on the transformation of a derelict
17th century mill. Shown last Wed C4 (AD)
9.00 Gogglebox The households' reactions
to the biggest and best shows shown over
Christmas 2019, including Gavin and Stacey,
Strictly Come Dancing and Home Alone. (AD)
10.30 Eight out of Ten Cats Does

10.30 Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown Jon Richardson and Sarah Millican take on Lee Mack and Jason Manford, joined by Nick Mohammed and Joe Wilkinson. 11.35 CT CHOICE 24 Hours in Police

11.35 (A) CHOICE 24 Hours in Police Custody The inside story of an armed siege in a Bedford tower block, which began in the early hours of an otherwise quiet Sunday morning. See page 51. Shown 9pm Channel 4 1.15am Concorde: the Race for Supersonic (AD) 2.20 The Great Festive Pottery Throw Down: with Jenny Eclair, Jamie Laing and Sunetra Sarker (AD) 3.35 The Dog House at Christmas 4.30–5.00am Terry Pratchett's The Abominable Snow Baby (AD)

4seven F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 (138 Scot) Virgin 143

#### Quest

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6.00am Legend of Croc Gold 7.00 Jeremy Wade's Dark Waters 8.00 The Edinburgh Auction House 9.00 Salvage Hunters: the Restorers 10.00 Who Do You Think You Are? 11.00 The Hotel Inspector 12 noon The Repair Shop 3.00pm Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House: with Jennie Bond and Sid Owen 4.00 The Hotel Inspector: in Sussex 5.00 Find It, Fix It, Flog It 7.00 Salvage Hunters 9.00 The Repair Shop: the restorers set to work on a ride-on toy plane and a ukulele made from an old cigar box 10.00 Outback Opal Hunters 11.00 Nasa's Unexplained Files 1.00am Curse of the Bermuda Triangle 2.00 World's Top Five 3.00 Airplane Repo 4.00–5.00am How It's Made

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

#### Yesterday

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**Bangers and Cash** 10.00pm A couple are reunited with their Volvo truck

6.10am Hornby: a Model World (AD) 8.00 Secret Nazi Bases 9.00 Nazi Hunters 12 noon The World at War: four editions 4.00pm Bangers and Cash: double bill (AD) 6.00pm Bangers and Cash Derek picks up a five-vehicle haul from a collector who can

no longer look after his motors. (AD)
7.00 Derek casts his eye over a Citroën 2CV, before admiring more than 270 motorbikes. (AD)
8.00 'Allo 'Allo' General von Klinkerhoffen orders Edith to marry Captain Bertorelli as a propaganda exercise, while the Resistance

plans a daring rescue of the airmen.

8.40 René plans to use an old ice-cream van to rescue the British airmen when they get stuck down the drain in the village square.

9.20 Michelle's cunning plan to release the airmen from the drain in the square is ruined when the fair is cancelled. Gorden Kaye stars.

10.00 Bangers and Cash The team has a record number of cars to sell, but Derek finds room for one more – a replica AC Cobra.

11.00 Abandoned Engineering Exploring Anchieta, a tropical island complex in Brazil

Anchieta, a tropical island complex in Brazil and the scene of a dramatic uprising. (AD)

12 midnight Bangers and Cash (AD) 1.00–
3.00am The Architecture the Railways Built (AD)

Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 +1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

#### Dave

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**7.10am** Exploration Volcano (AD) **8.00** Gino's Italian Escape: a Taste of the Sun **8.30** Gino's Italian Escape: Islands in the Sun: Gino D'Acampo explores Sardinia **9.00** Abandoned Engineering (AD) **11.00** Top Gear (AD)

**2.00pm** Building Cars: Secrets of the Assembly Line (AD) **3.00** Gino's Italian Escape: a Taste in the Sun **5.00** Rick Stein's Far Eastern Odyssey: a visit to Penang (AD)

6.00pm Mediterranean with Simon Reeve Simon explores southern Spain and Corsica. 7.00 New. Border Force: America's Gatekeepers An armed robber is captured and cocaine is found inside office furniture. 8.00 Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Christmas Fishing In Middlesbrough, Bob and Paul chat to singer Chris Rea. (AD) 9.20 QI Bridget Christie, Mark Watson and Johnny Vegas ponder saints and sinners. 10.00 Live at the Apollo Kerry Godliman introduces Suzi Ruffell and Loyiso Gola. 11.00 QI With John Barrowman, Phill Jupitus, Aisling Bea and Alan Davies. 11.40 QI XL Sue Perkins, Bill Bailey and Gyles Brandreth join host Stephen Fry. 12.40am Mock the Week 2.00 Mel Giedroyc: Unforgivable 2.50-4.00am The Island

Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

#### Sky Mix

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**6.00am** Border Patrol **8.00** Highway Patrol **11.00** 999 Frontline **12 noon** Neighbourhood Blues **1.00pm** Caught Red Handed **3.00** Border Security: Australia's Front Line **5.00** Caught on Dashcam (AD) **7.00** Agatha Raisin: to take her mind off her breakup, Agatha and the gang visit a fair, but it is not long before the innocuous event becomes a crime scene (AD) **9.00 FILM** Over the Top ★★ Drama starring Sylvester Stallone. Lincoln Hawk, a tough arm-wrestling truck driver, is allowed to see his son again when his ex-wife goes into hospital for surgery. During a three-day trip to California where the operation is to take place, Hawk tries to win back the love of his son (w) **10.50** The Real Manhunter (AD) **11.55** Mark of a Serial Killer

**1.00am** Night Cops **2.00** Motorway Patrol **4.00–6.00am** Border Patrol

Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

#### 5 USA

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9.00am Entertainment News 9.05
Criminals: Caught on Camera 9.35 Columbo
7.10pm Jesse Stone: Death in Paradise:
a detective investigates the suspicious
death of a teenager, only to come into
conflict with mobsters 9.00 War of the
Worlds: Series 2. Triple bill. Mokrani and
Catherine clash over the fate reserved for
Micah 10.05 Catherine now has only one
thing on her mind: to find Bill Ward 11.05
Catherine, Sophia and Nathan make their
way to London, accompanied by Victor,
a survivor they encountered by chance
12.10am Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 2.50
Blacklist 3.35-4.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera
5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot)

#### 5 Star

+1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

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8.00am GPs: behind Closed Doors (AD)
1.00pm Traffic Cops: four editions
5.00pm Police Interceptors Dog handler
Tony encounters a stranded naked man.
6.00 The firearms team is mobilised.
7.00 Officers respond to a knife attack.
8.00 Gav and Dan are in hot pursuit.
9.00 FILM Geostorm ★★ Sci-fi action
thriller with Gerard Butler, Jim Sturgess and
Abbie Cornish. In the year 2022, a team led
by chief architect Jake Lawson has developed
a satellite that detects and prevents extreme
weather events before they occur. When
the system is sabotaged, it's up to Lawson
to stop a global catastrophe. (AD)
11.15 FILM Final Destination 3 ★★★

Horror starring Mary Elizabeth Winstead.
After her classmates cheat death in a rollercoaster accident, a high-school student discovers that a series of photographs holds the key to the fate of the survivors, and a race against time begins to warn those in peril.

1.05 Revenge: double bill of the US drama
2.55-3.00am Entertainment News

**5 Star Freeview** 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

#### 5 Action

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9.00am Trucking Hell (AD) 10.00 New. Wrestling 12 noon Entertainment News 12.15pm Winter Road Rescue 12.50 Trucking Hell 1.50 FILM Rough Night in Jericho ★★ 3.55 FILM The Gunfighter ★★★ (BW)

5.45pm FILM Where Eagles Dare \*\*\*\*
Second World War action written by Alistair
MacLean and starring Richard Burton
and Clint Eastwood as members of an elite
group of commandos who must enter an
almost impregnable Nazi stronghold to
rescue a high-ranking American officer.

9.00 FILM The Running Man \*\*\* Sci-fi

9.00 FILM The Running Man ★★★ Sci-fi action thriller starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. A police helicopter pilot in a totalitarian America is framed for mass murder and sent to a detention centre. But his determination to escape leads to his participation in a deadly TV show. The Running Man.

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11.05 FILM General Commander ★
Action thriller starring Steven Seagal.
A CIA team hunt for an international arms dealer after he kills one of their own.

12.50am Police Interceptors: two episodes
2.55-3.00am Entertainment News

**5 Action** Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

#### 5 Select

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9.00am Entertainment News 9.10 FILM
A Small Town Christmas Wish ★★ Romance
11.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly (AD)
6.00pm Joanna Lumley: My Best Bits −
In My Own Words The actress looks back
on her life and career, sharing memories and
anecdotes about her most famous roles.

8.00 Britain's Favourite Christmas TV Moments Memorable clips from festive specials over the decades.

9.30 Britain's Favourite Party SongsA celebration of dance-craze records.11.30 Queen: a Night at the Odeon

A performance by the rock band on Christmas Eve 1975, featuring one of the first live renditions of *Bohemian Rhapsody*. 12.55am The Blacklist: two episodes 2.50-3.00am Entertainment News

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# **SUNDAY Freeview & films**



**Sheridan Smith: Becoming Mum** 9.20pm Pregnancy

6.10am Inside the Ambulance 6.35 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **8.30** Celebrity Tipping Point **9.30** Rick Stein's Spain (AD) **10.30** Nigellissima: an Italian-inspired Christmas (AD) 11.50 FILM 12 Gifts of Christmas ★★ Romcom (W) 1.35pm My Family (AD) 4.00 Miranda (AD)

6.00pm Good Morning Christmas \*\* Comedy drama starring Melissa Joan Hart. (W)

7.50 Miranda Two proposals confuse Miranda. (AD)

8.30 Outnumbered The family's Christmas is marred by burglars and a missing hamster. (AD)

9.20 Sheridan Smith: Becoming Mum The actress discusses her past mental health struggles. (AD)

10.20 Women behind Bars with Trevor McDonald Life inside two of Indiana's women's prisons.

11.20 Bad Girls behind Bars 12.20am Ambulance Australia **1.15** One Born Every Minute: following a male midwife **2.20–3.00am** Inside the Ambulance

W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

#### **HGTV**

7.00am My Lottery Dream Home **10.00** The Great Interior Design Challenge **3.00pm** A Place in the Sun 6.00 A Place in the Sun: seven editions. A retired couple want a slice of the traditional Spanish lifestyle **7.00** A couple from Wales seek a holiday home in Spain for £55,000 **8.00** A couple hope to retire to Orihuela in eastern Spain **9.00** Colin and Elspeth search for a property on Menorca 10.00 A couple look for a holiday home on Menorca for £300,000 11.00 A home in Cannes for £400,000 **12 midnight** Advice on buying a second home abroad **1.00am** Fixer Upper: the Hotel (AD) 1.30 Fixer Upper: behind the Design: a dream home for a widow **2.00–4.00am** The Great Interior Design Challenge

**London Live** 

HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191

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6.00am London's Weekend 7.00 The Prisoner **8.00** F2: Tackling Europe 9.00 The World's Most Extraordinary Families 10.00 My Greek Odvssev 11.00 FILM The Rocking Horse Winner ★★★★ (BW) 12.50pm FILM Silent Dust ★ (BW) .35 FILM Scott of the Antarctic ★★★★ Adventure **4.40 FILM** Beat the Devil ★★★ (BW) **6.30** Tabernacle Choir: Music and Words 7.00 Little Matters: Turtles 8.00 The Avengers (BW) **9.15** Murde Mans 10.15 The Irish Mob 11.15 FILM Car Trouble ★ Comedy
1.15am FILM Break ★★ 3.30 News Rewind 5.00-6.00am Talking Points ndon Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

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#### Food Network 43



**James Martin and Christmas Friends** 6.00pm Paul Ainsworth

6.00am Holiday Baking Championship **8.00** Rachael Ray's Easy Holiday Feast **9.00** Tia Mowry at Home 9.30 Magnolia Table with Joanna Gaines **10.00** Tom Kerridge's Christmas Dinner **11.00** Michel Roux: Christmas in Provence **12 noon** The Hairy Bikers' Christmas Party (AD) **1.00pm** Rachel Allen's Christmas 1.30 The Great British Christmas Menu 6.00 James Martin and Christmas Friends: double bill. James is joined by chef Paul Ainsworth, who gives his take on a Christmas lunch, then James shares a festive feast with chef Brian Turner and actor Jennie McAlpine 8.00 Michel Roux: Christmas in Provence: Michel cooks the best produce southern France has to offer **9.00** The Hairy Bikers' Christmas Party: the duo make finger food – canapés, mini-desserts and Thai treats (AD) 10.00 River Cottage 11.00 New Holiday Baking Championship: the bakers create tasty desserts with ingredients from Thanksgiving dinner **1.00am** Gingerbread Giants Two **2.00**-3.00am Christmas Cookie Challenge Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140 (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot)

#### **Great TV**

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 11.00 Murder, She Wrote 6.00pm Murder, She Wrote: triple bill. Jessica investigates the murder of a restaurant employee **7.00** A mysterious death disrupts a rodeo **8.00** Jessica probes the death of a theatre critic 9.00 Murder 101: Locked Room Mystery **10.50** Death al Dente: the Gourmet Detective 12.40am Castle 1.40 Movie News 1.50 Castle 2.50 Movie News 3.00 Return of the Saint 3.50 Movie News **4.00** Highway to Heaven **4.50–5.00am** Movie News

**Great TV** Freeview 50 *(limited)* Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

#### True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives 12 noon Something's Killing Me: double bill. A woman who was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia after battling an illness for over a year, then a man takes over a medical practice from the doctor who murdered his own father **2.00pm** Medical Detectives 5.00 Judge Judy 12.05am World's Most Unexplained 1.00 Psychic Private Eyes 3.00 The Day I Should Have Died 4.00 Something's Killing Me **5.30–6.00am** Judge Judy True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 **Sky** 147 **Virgin** 172

#### BBC Parliament 232

6.00am Westminster Hall 11.00 House of Lords 12.30pm Scottish Parliament 1.30 Senedd Cymru 2.30 House of commons **3.05** House of Lords 3.40 PMQs 4.15 Scottish Questions **5.00** Welsh Questions **6.00** Select Committees **12 midnight** House of Commons 12.35am House of Lords 1.10 Scottish Parliament **2.10** House of Lords **3.40** PMQs **4.15** Scottish Questions 5.00-6.00am Welsh Questions **BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201** Sky 504 Virgin 605

#### PBS America



**Buffalo Soldiers: Fighting** on Two Fronts 9.35pm

6.00am Beautiful Serengeti 6.25 Beatles: Made on Merse 8.00 Beautiful Serengeti 8.45 The Beatles: Made on Merseyside 10.35 The Movement and the Madman" 11.50 Buffalo Fighting on Two Fronts 1.00pm Beautiful Serengeti 1.30 Project Nazi

6.05pm Project Nazi 5/6 The role of the SS in defeating itler's political enemies. 7.15 6/6. The V2 ballistic missile.

8.20 The Movement and the "Madman" The story of the 1969 showdown between President Nixon and the anti-war movement.

9.35 Buffalo Soldiers: Fighting on Two Fronts Exploring the role played by black soldiers throughout American history.

10.50 The Movement and the 'Madman'' As 8.20pm. 12 midnight as 9.35pm 1.15am Beautiful Serengeti 1.50 The Beatles: Made on Merseyside **3.20** as 8.20pm **4.20** as 9.35pm **5.25–6.00am** Beautiful Serengeti PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

6.00am WW2 Treasure Hunters **7.00** Walking through History: Nazi Occupation – Channel Islands **8.00** Walking through History: King John's Ruin – Peak District **9.00** Close Encounters Down Under 10.00 Close Encounters 11.00 Ancient Aliens 12 noon Strange Evidence 2.00pm Storm Stories 7.00 History's Greatest Myths 8.00 River Hunters 9.00 New series. Black Sea Mystery: Lost Worlds: a team of international scientists discover a treasure trove of ancient shipwrecks that date back 2,500 years. 10.20 New. Shipwrecks: When History Resurfaces: ships lost to the Philippine Sea 11.20 Secrets of the Lost Liners **12.20am** Secrets in the Ice **1.25** The Proof Is Out There **2.00** Storm Stories 5.00-6.00am Hardcore Pawn

#### Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174 Challenge

7.00am Scrapheap Challenge **10.00** Bullseye **12 noon** Family Fortunes (AD) **1.00pm** Dickinson's Real Deal: a number of items go up for sale in Blackpool, including an attractive vase and a collection of precious jewellery 2.00 Catchphrase **3.00** Cash Trapped 5.00 Tenable: double bill. A football-loving family of five from Leicester answer questions about top ten lists, then a family from the north-east of England take part. Warwick Davis hosts 7.00 The Chase: quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh **9.00** The Chase Celebrity Special: Nicholas Owen, Laila Rouass, Vanessa Feltz and Tim Vine endeavour to win cash for charity by outwitting one of the show's ident trivia experts (AD) 10.00-6.00am The Chase

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

## CHILDREN'S

#### Milkshake! on C5

**5.40am** Mixmups **6.00** Peppa Pig **6.05** Blue's Clues & You **6.25** Sesame Street Mecha Builders **6.40** Pirata & Capitano **6.50** Fireman Sam **7.00** Thomas & Friends **7.15** Paw Patrol 7.25 Pip and Posy 7.45 Peppa Pig 8.00 The Adventures of Paddington 8.15 New. Mixmups 8.35 Ben and holly's Little Kingdom 8.50 New. Pop Paper City 9.05 New. Meet the Experts 9.20 Reu & Harper's Wonder World 9.30–9.55am New. Dora the Explorer Full listings for Channel 5 are on p54

#### **CBeebies**

6.00am Baby Jake 6.10 Twirlywoos 6.00am Baby Jake 6.10 Iwirfywoos 6.20 Bing 6.30 Love Monster 6.35 Chuggington: Tales from the Rails 6.50 Go Jetters 7.00 Postman Pat: SDS 7.15 Bing 7.35 Hey Duggee 7.50 Go Jetters 8.00 Peter Rabbit 8.15 Octonauts: Above & Beyond **8.25** Chuggington **8.35** Bitz & Bob **8.45** The Furchester Hotel **9.00** Something Special: We're All Friends **9.20** Bluey **9.35** Hey Duggee **9.50** Supertato **10.00 New.**Spidey and His Amazing Friends **10.25 New.** Octonauts Specials **11.35**Let's Go for a Walk **11.50** Dog Squad 12 noon My World Kitchen 12.15pm I Can Do It, You Can Too 12.25 Hey Duggee 12.40 Octonauts 1.00 Bitz & Bob 1.10 Love Monster 1.25 Go Jetters
1.35 Messy Goes to OKIDO 1.45 Dog
Loves Books 1.55 Roots and Fruits Loves Books 1.55 Roots and Fruits 2.00 Something Special: We're All Friends 2.20 I Can Do It, You Can Too: stand-up paddleboarding 2.35 Molly and Mack 2.50 Alphablocks 2.55 Baby Jake 3.05 Supertato 3.15 JoJo & Gran Gran 3.25 Fred & Pete's Treasure Tales 3.40 GiggleQuiz 3.55 Numberblocks 4.05 Magic Hands 4.15 Olga Da Polga 4.25 Supertato 4.35 Bluey 4.45 A CBeebies Christmas Carol: light-hearted adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic Christmas novel, featuring stellar names from children's television **5.25** Nick Cope Popcast 5.30 JoJo & Gran Gran 5.45 Sarah & Duck 5.50 Charlie and Lola 6.05 Tee and Mo 6.10 Clangers 6.20 In the Night Garden... 6.50–7.00pm CBeebies Bedtime Stories

CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

#### CBBC

**7.00am** Shaun the Sheep **7.05** Sketchy Comedy **7.10** Danger Mouse **7.20** Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed! 7.35 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese
7.45 New. Newsround 7.50 Ninja
Express 8.05 Odd Squad 8.15
Oswaldo 8.30 The Dengineers:
Christmas Den 9.00 Blue Peter 9.30 FILM Captain Underpants: the First Epic Movie \*\*\* Animated action comedy featuring the voices of Ed Helms and Kevin Hart (W) 10.45 Danger Mouse: Yule Only Watch Twice 11.10 Danger Mouse 11.20 OOglies Funsize 11.25 Grizzy and the Lemmings 11.40 The Football Academy 11.40 The Football Academy
12.10pm The Next Step 12.55 Horrible
Histories 1.25 Danger Mouse 2.00
Dennis & Gnasher Unleashedl 2.20
Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 2.30
Octonauts Specials 3.15 FILM
Pokémon Detective Pikachu \*\*\*
Part-animated fantasy adventure
featuring the voice of Ryan Reynolds
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(W) **4.50 New.** Dodger **5.45** Malory Towers **6.10** The Next Step **6.35**– **7.00pm** Transformers EarthSpark CBBC F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701

#### ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noor

#### ITV2

6.00am DC Super Hero Girls 6.10 New. Teen Titans Go!: animated adventures with the DC superhero team 6.25 Looney Tunes Cartoons 6.40 Mr Bean: the Animated Series 7.30-9.00am Big Top Scooby-Doo!

#### **ITVB**e

**9.00am** Chloe's Closet **9.15** Lily's Driftwood Bay **9.35** Bobo **9.45** Claude **10.00** Oddbods **10.10** Ollie **10.15** The Sound Collector 10.25 Sooty 10.40 Pingu in the City 10.50 Bob the Builde 11.15 New. Teletubbies Let's Go 11.25 Postman Pat 11.45–12 noon Mumfie

### **FILMS**

#### Film4

11.00am First Men in the Moon ★★★ Colourfully engaging sci-fi adventure based on the HG Wells novel about a Victorian lunar expedition. Edward Judd (1964, U) (S) (AD)

1.10pm Mrs Doubtfire ★★★★ Warm-hearted comedy drama in which a father disguises himself as a nanny in order to be with his children after he splits from his wife. Review, right. Robin Williams (1993, 12) (S) (AD) 3.30 Evolution ★★★ Amiably daft sci-fi action comedy that stars David Duchovny as a college professor who stumbles across an alien invasion, Orlando Jones (2001, PG) (S)

5.35 The Golden Child ★★ Misfiring action comedy with Eddie Murphy unwittingly involved in a battle to save the world. (1986, PG) (S)

**7.20pm Table 19** ★★★ Mild. well-mannered and amusing romantic comedy. Anna Kendrick (2017, 12) (S)

#### 9.00 Mission: Impossible

★★★★ Tom Cruise stars as the betraved secret agent who must clear his name in this smart and exciting update of the cult 1960s TV series. Jon Voight (1996, PG) (S) (AD)

**11.15 Rams** ★★★ Two feuding farming brothers come together in a crisis in this whimsical comedy drama. Sam Neill (2020, 12) (S) (AD)

1.35-3.45am Ghost in the Shell ★★★ Scarlett Johansson kicks butt in this eye-popping cyberpunk reworking of the Japanese *anime* and manga series. (2017, 12) (S) (AD)

Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 +1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

#### Talking Pictures TV

6.00am The Man in the Mirror ★★ Fun but forgettable fantasy. Edward Everett Horton (1936, U) (S) **7.35 1965 Monte** Carlo Rally Documentary. 7.50
Thunder in the City ★★★ Edward G Robinson's brash salesman arrives in England to find business funding. (1937) (S) **9.30 The Many Faces of Christopher Lee** TV documentary. (S) 10.40 DOA ★★★ Edmond O'Brien investigates his own murder in this thriller. (1949, PG) (S) 12.20pm The Secret of Convict Lake ★★★ Predictable western melodrama with Glenn Ford as an escaped criminal. (1951) (S) **2.00 The Adventures of** Robin Hood TV adventure. (S)

.30 The Larkins TV sitcom. 3.10 The Flemish Farm \*\*\* Laudably restrained wartime drama Clive Brook (1943, PG) (S) 5.00 The Footage **Detectives** TV archive clips. (S) 6.00pm Tell Me Another

Celebrity anecdotes. (S) 6.30 It's Great to Be Young \*\*\* Good-natured musical comedy about a jazz-loving teacher. Review p87. John Mills, Cecil Parker (1956, U) (S) 8.25 Delta 8-3 TV documentary. 9.00 Manhunt TV drama.(S) 10.05 Sex Education TV drama. 10.35 Bagdad Café ★★★★

Hypnotic comedy drama about a stranded German tourist in Arizona. Review, right. Marianne Sägebrecht (1987, 12) 12.45am The Most Dangerous **Game** ★★★★ A big game hunter is targeted by mad count Leslie Banks in this exuberant horror. Joel McCrea (1932, 12) (S) **2.00 The Main Chance** 

TV drama. **3.00 The Heritage** Chart Show with Mike Read TV music show. **4.05** A Fire Has **Been Arranged** ★★ Neatly played comedy. (1935, U) (S) **5.25-6.00am** Sherlock Holmes TV mystery. (S)

Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 Freesat 306 Sky 328 Virgin 445

ALL PROGRAMMES ON THE ABOVE CHANNELS ARE REPEATS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED



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#### Great Movies 34

9.10am Enchanted Christmas ★★ Old flames are unexpectedly reunited. Alexa PenaVega (2017) 11.00 Love Always, **Santa** ★★ Sweet and soppy romance. Marguerite Moreau (2016) 12.55pm Hats Off to Christmas ★★ Haylie Duff has to train the boss's son.(2013) 2.50 Jack and Jill ★ Misfiring comedy. Adam Sandler, Al Pacino (2011, PG) 4.45 Pixels ★★ Can arcade nerds save the planet? Review p77. Adam Sandler (2015, 12) 7.00pm Push \*\* Convoluted sci-fi thriller about psychics who are pursued by a shadowy government agency. Chris Evans (2009, 12) 9.00 The 5th Wave ★ Muddled sci-fi with Chloë Grace Moretz, (2016, 15) 11.20 Cell ★★★ A mysterious cellphone signal triggers global mayhem in this stylish if overly

1.25am Kill Thy Neighbor ★★
Melodramatic thriller in which a
woman and her son are stalked.
Andrea Bogart, Hannah Barefoot (2018) 3.30
Wild West Chronicles 4.00-5.40am
An Aurora Teagarden Mystery:
Three Bedrooms, One Corpse

enigmatic sci-fi horror. John Cusack (2014, 15)

Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302 Sky 321 Virgin 425 +1 Freeview 61 (*limited* 10pm-5am) Sky 322

#### Great Action 42

8.00am Field Punishment No 1

★★ Shocking First World War drama.
Fraser Brown (2014) 9.45 Candlelight in
Algeria ★★ Wartime romantic spy
thriller. James Mason (1943, U) 11.35 Depth
Charge ★★ Submarine thriller. Eric
Roberts (2008) 1.15pm Castle Keep ★★
Startling war drama about a squad
of American soldiers defending a
Belgian castle. Burt Lancaster (1969, 15) 3.25
The Bamboo Prison ★★★ Robert
Francis faces brutal treatment in this
watchable PoW drama. (1994) 5.05
Eight Iron Men ★★ Long-winded
wartime rescue drama. Bonar (olleano (1952)
6.50pm The Mountain Road ★★
Glum war drama with James
Stawart as an army maior (1960 II)

Stewart as an army major. (1960, U)

9.00 The Marksman ★★ Gung-ho
action adventure. Wesley Snipes (2005, 15)

10.55 The Detonator ★★
Wesley Snipes action thriller. (2006, 15)

12.50am Momentum ★★★★

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for general viewing, but some scenes may be unsuitable for young or sensitive children; 12,15,18

for all; PG Parental Guidance -

A CIA assassin relentlessly tracks a glamorous bank robber in this slick action thriller. Olga Kurylenko (2015, 15) 2.45 Luftwaffe: the Eagle Strikes 4.00-5.00am Battle for the Bulge Great Action Freeview 42 (limited)

F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

#### Great Movies 52 Christmas

8.00am A Puppy for Christmas

★★ Sweet and sugary romance. (2016)
10.00 Holiday Road Trip ★★
Feuding pet-shop workers find
common ground. Ashley Scott (2013)
12 noon 12 Pups of Christmas ★★
Furry romance. Charlotte Sullivan (2019)
2.00pm A Midnight Kiss ★★
Party planner Adelaid Kane needs
help. (2018) 4.00 Hometown Holiday

Party planner Adelaid Kane needs help. (2018) **4.00 Hometown Holiday**★ Can she be more picky about her men? Sarah Troyer, Bradley Hamilton (2018) **6.00pm Christmas Catch** ★★

6.00pm Christmas Catch ★★
Romance threatens to cloud a
detective's judgement. Lauren Holly (2018)
8.00 Miss Christmas ★★ Light
romance. Brooke D'Orsay, Marc Blucas (2017)

10.00 My Santa ★★ A single mum becomes captivated by the Father Christmas at her local shopping mall. Samaire Armstrong (2013)

12 midnight Santa's Secret ★★ A single mum needs a break. (2014) 2.00pm Highway to Heaven 3.00-5.00am A Song for Christmas ★★ Sweet seasonal tale. Kelli Williams (2017)

Great Movies Christmas Freeview 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (limited 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

#### Sky Premiere

7.15am Sky Cinema Preview 8.10 Big George Foreman \*\*\* Unspectacular but well-played biopic of the two-times boxing champ and born again preacher. Khris Davis (2023, 12) 10.30 As 11.40pm 12.40pm As 8pm 2.20 As 9.40pm 4.20 A Thousand And One ★★★ Empathetic drama about the fortunes of a single mother and the son she "kidnaps" from the foster system. Tevana Taylor (2023, 15) **6.25pm Renfield** ★★★ Madcap horror comedy with Nicholas Hoult as the nervy assistant to Count Dracula (Nicolas Cage). (2023, 15) 8.00 Genie \*\*\* Clever festive comedy about a magical being assigned to help a workaholic father. **Review p38.** Melissa McCarthy (2023) 9.40 Violent Night ★★★★ Santa is forced to take lethal action against murderous mercenaries in this action fantasy, David Harbour (2022, 15) 11.40 The Three Musketeers: **D'Artagnan** ★★★★ Exciting adaptation of part one of the classic novel, with a swashbuckling cast. Review p38. François Civil (2023, 15) 1.50am As 4.20pm 3.55 As 8.10am Sky Premiere Sky 301 Virgin 401

#### BT 501/HD 515 +1 Sky 312 Legend

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7.00am World's Most Unexplained
8.00 The Lost Future ★★ A small tribe of human survivors fight monsters in this sci-fi adventure.
Sean Bean (2010, 15) 10.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine: five episodes 3.00pm George and the Dragon ★★ Routine fantasy adventure. James Purefoy (2004) 4.50 Hawk the Slayer ★ Woeful adventure. Jack Palance (1980, PG) 6.40pm Reap the Wild Wind ★★★ Maritime adventure with

some spectacular sequences, starring John Wayne. (1942, P6)

9.00 The Ghoul \*\*\* Boris

Karloff stars in this clone of *The Mummy* in which atmosphere gives way to sinister slapstick. (1933, PG)

**10.35 The Invisible Man Returns**★★★ Classy sequel, filled with comedy, drama and eerie moments. Vincent Price, Sir Cedric Hardwicke (1940)

12.20am 30 Days of Night ★★★
Solid shocker that offers genuine
surprises as vampires besiege an
Alaskan town. Josh Hartnett (2007, 18)
2.30-4.20am Death Trench ★★
Well-mounted low-budget First World

Well-mounted low-budget First World War horror. Rossif Sutherland (2017, 18) Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

#### Legend Xtra 🚳

8.00am San Andreas Mega Quake
★ Scientists race against time to stop
California being destroyed by an
earthquake in this cheap and cheesy
disaster movie. (2019) 10.00 Night of
the Big Heat ★★ Sci-fi horror about
a freak heatwave plaguing a remote
British island. Christopher Lee (1967, 15)
12 noon Ape vs Monster ★ Two CGI
titans battle it out in this low-budget
Godzilla vs Kong mockbuster. Eric
Roberts (2021, 12) 2.00pm Coward of the
County ★★ Sincere but unconvincing
wartime drama starring Kenny
Rogers as a kindly preacher. (1981)

A.OOpm Star Trek Five episodes of the TV sci-fi drama series.

9.00 Brake \*\* Derivative but truly claustrophobic thriller that finds Stephen Dorff locked in the

boot of a car with no idea how he

got there, or how to get out. (2012, 15)

11.00 Knuckleball ★★★ Tense
thriller about a boy who must fend
for himself after a family tragedy
leaves him alone in an isolated
farmhouse. Michael (ronside (2018, 15)

1.00-2.50am Brake As 9pm Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Sky 317 Virgin 171 +1 F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371

## **FILM REVIEWS**



#### FILM OF THE DAY

## The Man Who Invented Christmas \*\*\*\* 6.00-8.00pm c5

and rising financial responsibilities, Charles Dickens (Dan Stevens) draws on Victorian London and his own painful past to write his most famous novel. There have been countless film adaptations of *A Christmas Carol*, but this film explores the creation of the story itself. Rather than a dry biopic, it's a comic fantasy of sorts, as Dickens interacts with Scrooge (Christopher Plummer) and other characters who help him finish his story. It's a funny, heart-warming and fresh take on a classic tale. **VICTORIA LUXFORD** (Ire/Can/UK/US 2017, HD)

### ● Mrs Doubtfire ★★★★

1.10-3.30pm **Film4** 

COMEDY DRAMA Robin Williams gives one of the performances of his career here, playing an actor who disguises himself as a Scottish nanny to be close to his children after he breaks up with his wife (Sally Field). Director Chris Columbus reins in Williams's exuberance just enough to ensure that every gag hits the spot.

DAVID PARKINSON (US 1993, edited for content, HD)

## Nativity! ★★★ 3.15-4.55pm BBC1 U

COMEDY This festive favourite revolves around a Coventry teacher (Martin Freeman) who causes a commotion when word leaks out that a Hollywood movie company is coming to film his primary school's Nativity play. Unfortunately for him, though, the rumour isn't true. There are splendid turns from the grown-up performers and little tykes alike.

TREVOR JOHNSTON (UK 2009, HD)

## ● • Uncle Buck ★★★ 3.45-5.45pm ITV1 [2]

**COMEDY** This was the movie that unleashed Macaulay Culkin on the world (*Home Alone* was released a year later). There's much to enjoy,

with John Candy making the most of his starring role as the lovable slob who is pressed into looking after his brother's children. Only the sentimental moralising strikes a false note. **JOHN FERGUSON** (US 1989, edited for language, HD)

## The Grinch ★★★★ 6.50-9.00pm ITV2 PG

FANTASY The Dr Seuss favourite gets a live-action reworking in this seasonal treat. Starring an irrepressible and almost unrecognisable Jim Carrey, it's the magical tale of a miserable, greenfurred mountain-dweller who sets out to wreck the local town's festive celebrations. Even the most Scrooge-like viewer will be charmed.

SLOAN FREER (US/Ger 2000, HD)

P The Bad Education
Movie ★★★ 9.00-11.00pm
Comedy Central

comedy Jack Whitehall's boundless enthusiasm as teacher Alfie Wickers is very much to the fore in this spin-off from the BBC series. Wickers takes his students on a trip to Cornwall that derails after he becomes aligned with local extremists. Although unlikely to win over new converts, it's a good example of what made the show so popular. VL (UK 2015, swearing, sexual references, nudity, drug abuse)

**Bagdad Café** ★★★★ 10.35pm-12.45am

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Talking Pictures TV

COMEDY DRAMA Receiving a rare showing tonight, this gently amusing film sees a German tourist stranded in a run-down truck stop in the middle of the Arizona desert. Marianne Sägebrecht plays the fish out of water, with CCH Pounder as the tough café boss and Jack Palance as an ageing hippy. DP (WGer 1987, brief swearing, nudity)

Hell or High Water ★★★

10.45pm-12.20am BBC2

(not in N Ireland)

CRIME British director David Mackenzie masters modern Americana like a native with this rustic noir. Set in the shadow of the 2008 financial collapse, it sees redneck brothers Ben Foster and Chris Pine team up to rob a series of banks, with lawman Jeff Bridges hot on their trail. DAMON WISE (US 2016, violence, swearing, a sex scene, HD)

Booksmart ★★★★ 11.55pm-1.30am BBC1 (starts 1.10am in Scotland)

See review, page 107. (US 2019, swearing, sex scenes, drug abuse, HD)

The Lighthouse 12.35-2.30am **C4** 

CHILLER Robert Eggers (The Northman) directs this eerie two-hander, with Willem Dafoe and Robert Pattinson tending a lighthouse on a remote New England island in the 1890s. Dafoe sets a punishing work schedule for Pattinson, while also remaining curiously protective of the light itself... EMMA SIMMONDS (US/Bra 2019, violence, swearing, sex scenes, nudity, BW, HD)

#### Sky Cinema picks

Gnomeo & Juliet ★★★
2.30-4.00pm Sky Animation
An ornamental romance. (2011, U)
Sky 305; Virgin 412; BT 500/514

80 for Brady ★★★ 6.05-8.00pm Sky Best of 2023
Lily Tomlin and pals are bound for the Super Bowl. (2023, 12)
Sky 302, Virgin 402, BT 502/516

Watchmen ★★★ 9.40pm-12.35am Sky Cinema Sci-Fi/Horror Superheroes fight back. (2009.18)

Sky 311; Virgin 411; BT 511/525

Films to stream from p34 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

## **SUNDAY**

# Satellite, cable

#### **Sky Showcase**



The Hobbit: the Battle of the Five Armies 9.00pm Gandalf

6.00am Where's Wally 6.50 Croods Family Tree **7.15** The Brilliant World of Tom Gates (AD) **7.45** Let's Game: World Builders **8.00** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 9.00 Micro Monsters with David Attenborough (AD) 12 noon Extreme Animals: One Wild Day (AD) **3.00pm** David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive (AD) 4.30 The Simpsons

6.00pm The Simpsons Marge gets a job on Krusty's talk show. **6.30** Homer and his friends are terrorised by a scary killer clown. 7.00 Homer goes on a road trip with Duffman and Lisa. 7.30 Homer is stunned when Grampa becomes a stepfather.

8.00 R CHOICE Whale with Steve Backshall 1/4. Steve freedives with whales and dolphins. See page 50.

#### 9.00 The Hobbit: the Battle of the Five Armies ★★★★

Fantasy adventure starring Fantasy adventure start.

Martin Freeman and Ian McKellen, Bilbo and his dwarf friends are facing enemies on all sides. They will have to fight orcs, trolls and each other if they are to keep hold of their gold. (W)

12 midnight Saturday Night Live: sketch show 1.30am Road Wars **3.00** Nothing to Declare **5.00**-**6.00am** The Early Rundown **Sky Showcase Sky** 106 **Virgin** 109 **BT** 340/HD 355 **+1 Sky** 206

#### Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 8.00 Home Shopping 11.00 Primeval 4.00pm Star Trek: Enterprise

6.00pm Star Trek: Enterprise **2/26** Series 2. T'Pol teels the story of how her great-grandmother rst contacted humans on Earth. **7.00** 3/26. The ship becomes stranded in a minefield, forcing Reed to attempt a risky operation. **8.00** 4/26. The crew explores an extraordinary unmanned space station - but its computer soon gives cause for suspicion.

9.00 The Lawnmower Man \*\*\*

Sci-fi thriller starring Jeff Fahey and Pierce Brosnan. Government scientist Lawrence Angelo discovers that he can enhance the intelligence of chimpanzees using drugs and computer technology. Troubled by the moral implications of his work. Angelo resigns, but continues his research privately by experimenting on a gardener with learning disabilities.

11.35 Train 7/12. Do Won finds traces of the real killer on the body of Jo Young Ran. He and Seo Kyung begin tracking down the real culprit behind the 12-year-old crime.

12.50am 8/12. As they investigate Sung-wook's past, Do-won and Seo-kyung find themselves at another dead end.

**2.10** Stargate SG-1: double bill **4.00–6.00am** Most Haunted

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) Virgin 122 BT 348/HD 363 +1 Virgin 229

#### Sky Atlantic



Westworld 10.00pm The man in black (Ed Harris) looks on

**6.00am** Urban Secrets **7.00** Fish Town **10.00** Tin Star (AD)

3.25pm Billions 1/12 Series 2 In the aftermath of their previous confrontation. Chuck faces increased scrutiny from his office. **4.30 2/12.** Axe publicly spars with a rival hedge fund manager, while Chuck attempts to find a case that may salvage his career. **5.35** *3/12***.** Bobby sets his sights on buying an NFL franchise, while Lara launches her own business. 6.45 4/12. Under pressure to make progress and with his case stalling. Chuck develops a new strategy. **7.55** *5/12*. Chuck has to put his faith in an anxious insider. (AD)

9.00 Landscapers 4/4. Susan and Christopher take the stand for a final chance to prove their version of events on that fatal night in the Wycherley home. (AD)

10.00 Westworld 1/10. Sci-fi drama inspired by Michael Crichton's 1973 film about a futuristic theme park. Anthony Hopkins and Ed Harris star. (AD)

11.15 Tin Star: Liverpool 2/6 Series 3. A wild night out leads to an unexpected turn of events. (AD) 12.20am The End (AD) 12.55 The Outsider (AD) **2.00 New.** The Gilded Age **6/9** Series 2. Repeated tomorrow 9pm **3.10–6.00am** Fish Town

Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales) BT 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

#### **Sky Witness**

6.00am Motorway Patrol 8.30 Border Patrol 11.00 The Real A&E (AD) 12 noon Air Ambulance ER 1.00pm Stop, Search, Seize (AD) 2.00 Nothing to Declare

**6.00pm Nothing to Declare** An unusual travel itinerary and an empty suitcase raise suspicion. **6.30** Three visitors' suspicious ehaviour raises alarm bells. 7.00 When a Chinese bulk carrier docks in Newcastle it appears there has been a security breach. **7.30** The team investigate the claims of two people who are said to be on their honeymoon.

8.00 New series. Caught on **Dashcam Winter Special** A seasonal special of spectacular events on the roads.

9.00 Blue Bloods 10/16 Series 11 Danny and Baez become involved in the world of competitive gaming when a high-profile video streamer is murdered. (AD)

10.00 FBI: International 16/22 Series 2. The team is joined by Jubal Valentine and Nina Chase when the abduction of an architect appears linked to a terror threat. (AD)

11.00 FBI 16/23 Series 5. Maggie calls in Remy Scott to aid Scola in his mission to find the terrorists behind an imminent attack.

12 midnight FBI: Most Wanted **1.00am** Departure (AD) **2.00** Law & Order: Organized Crime (AD) 3.00-6.00am Nothing to Declare **Sky Witness Sky** 107 **Virgin** 110 **BT** 341/HD 356 **+1 Sky** 207 **Virgin** 310

#### Sky Max



Movie Megastars: Made in the **80s** 10.00pm Nicole Kidman

6.00am MacGyver 11.00 NCIS: os Angeles: five episodes

4.00pm Merlin 1/13 Series 5 King Árthur and his knights travel to the frozen north in search of several men who have disappeared. **5.00** 2/13. Merlin and Arthur close in on the icy fortress of Ismere, unsure of the powerful secrets Morgana and the druid Ruadan are searching for. **6.00** 3/13. Arthur seizes the chance to speak to the person he

misses most – his father. **7.00** 4/13. Morgana uses Princess Mithian as bait to lure Arthur to his death. (AD)

8.00 A League of Their Own **Ep 6** Series 18. Stuart Broad and Tom Davis join Jamie Redknapp, Micah Richards and Jill Scott.

9.00 The Overlap on Tour 1/4 Following Gary Neville, Roy Keane and Jamie Carragher as they embark on a tour of the UK and Ireland, beginning in Dublin. (AD)

10.00 Movie Megastars: Made in the 80s Some of the biggest film stars of the decade, including Arnold Schwarzenegger, Julia Roberts and Nicole Kidman. (AD)

12 midnight The Force: Manchester 2.00am Road Wars 3.00 Caught on Dashcam (AD) **4.00–6.00am** Stop, Search, Seize (AD)

**Sky Max Sky** 113 (114 Wales) **Virgin** 111 **BT** 346/**HD** 361

#### Sky Replay

7.00am Sun, Sea and A&E 9.00 Four Weddings **1.00pm** MacGyver: five back-to-back episodes (AD) **6.00** Quantum Leap: triple bill. Sam occupies the body of his own great-grandfather at the time of the American Civil War **7.00** Sam leaps into the body of Elvis Presley and is entrusted with the task of helping a singer fulfil her dream 8.00 The time-traveller materialises as himself and realises he has the chance to bestow the ultimate gift on AI 9.00
Manifest: double bill. The Stones reel from a devastating shooting, while the Major attempts to tighten her grip on the unwitting Saanvi, then Ben hesitantly forms an alliance with a student from Flight 828, while Saanvi continues her research into the Death Date (AD) **11.00** Highway Cops 3.00-6.00am Four Weddings Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

#### **Sky Crime**

**6.00am** Highway Cops (AD) **8.30** Caught Red Handed **10.00** Caught on Caught Ned Handed 10.00 Caught on Dashcam 11.00 Britain's Most Evil Killers 1.00pm Murdered at First Sight (AD) 2.00 World's Most Evil Killers 3.00 Killer in My Village 4.00 Murders That Shocked the Nation 5.00 World's Most Evil Killers (AD) 7.00 Killing Mum and Dad: a man who killed his parents after they criticised his idle behaviour. after they criticised his idle behaviour after they criticised his idle behaviour (AD) **8.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers **9.00** The Murder of Lyn Dawson: the Teacher, the Groomer, the Killer **10.00** Killer in My Village **11.00** World's Most Evil Killers **12 midnight** The Real Manhunter (AD) **1.00am** How I Caught the Killer **2.00** New series. Forensics: Catching the Killer **4.00** Road Wars **5.00–6.00am** Motorway Patrol

**Sky Crime Sky** 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **BT** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321

#### Gold



Absolutely Fabulous 10.30pm The girls head to New York

7.10am Only Fools and Horses (AD) **8.20** Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out **8.50** Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers **9.25** Citizen Khan (AD) **10.00** Miranda (AD) **10.40** Only Fools and Horses (AD) **12.40pm** The Two Ronnies **1.40** The Vicar of Dibley (AD) **2.55** Rock & Chips **4.10** Only Fools and Horses (AD) **5.45** Blackadder's Christmas Carol

6.45pm Porridge Christmas special from 1976. Fletch is caught making booze in his cell. (AD)

**7.50 Dad's Army** Mainwaring challenges a rival platoon to a test of stamina and initiative.

**9.05 Mrs Brown's Boys** Agnes has finished the script for her Nativity play – but will her unorthodox version of the story gain Father Damien's approval?

9.40 Agnes finds the festive spirit lacking during a games night when her nearest and dearest disobey her rules.

10.30 Absolutely Fabulous Festive special from 2002 in which the duo visit New York. (AD)

11.45 Upstart Crow: Lockdown Christmas 1603 Will and Kate spend Christmas in lockdown as the plague overwhelms London. 12.20am Porridge (AD) 1.25 Mrs Brown's Boys **2.40–4.00am** Absolutely Fabulous (AD)

Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 BT 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

#### **Sky Comedy**

8.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 10.30 Entourage 1.30pm The Conners 4.00 Will & Grace (AD) 6.30 The Office US: five episodes. Dwight rents a bus as temporary work space for the staff 7.00 Andy invites his former college a cappella group to perform **7.30** Dwight makes a guest appearance on a radio show **8.00** Dwight struggles to sell to a female client **8.30** Angela learns that her husband is having an affair with Oscar **9.00 New.** Saturday Night Live: American sketch show taking a satirical sideswipe at cultural and political issues 10.25 Curb Your Enthusiasm: Larry begins a relationship with a disabled woman **11.00** Saturday Night Live **12.30am** Amy Schumer: Live at the Apollo **1.45** Bounty Hunters (AD) **2.45** Romantic Getaway (AD) **3.15–5.00am** How to Make It in America

**Sky Comedy Sky** 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **BT** 347/HD 362

#### **Comedy Central**

**8.00am** Most Ridiculous: Sports **8.35** Most Ridiculous: Weddings **9.00** The Most Ridiculous: Weddings 9.00 The Middle (AD) 3.15pm Friends (AD) 6.45 FiLM St Trinian's 2: the Legend of Fritton's Gold ★ Comedy sequel starring Rupert Everett and Colin Firth. The "ladies" of St Trinian's spy a get-rich-quick opportunity when they discover that the headmistress is the descendant of a pirate who hid some treasure nearby 9.00 FILM PREMIERE The Bad Education Movie \*\*\* Comedy starring Jack Whitehall. Hapless teacher Alfie Wickers takes his students on a trip to Cornwall, Review p57 11.00 Jimmy Carr: Live 12.30am The Ricky Gervais Show 1.30 South Park 4.15–5.00am The Middle (AD)

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 BT 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

#### Alibi



Miss Scarlet and the Duke 8.00pm Eliza has a new rival

7.15am Murdoch Mysteries 10.00 Father Brown (AD) 2.00pm Inspector George Gently (AD) 4.00 Frankie Drake Mysteries (AD) 5.00 Death in Paradise (AD)

7.00pm Miss Scarlet and the Duke 3/6 Series 2. Eliza is forced into hiding when she becomes the prime suspect in a series of break-ins at city mortuaries. (AD) 8.00 4/6. Eliza investigates a case of blackmail and finds herself with a new rival – Patrick Nash, the owner of a large private detective agency who wants to hire her or crush her agency. (AD)

9.00 Father Brown 7/10 Series 2 A troubled young woman's father is killed three weeks after the death of her mother, leaving the priest to console the bereaved while trying to solve a murder. (AD) 10.00 4/10 Series 8. Murder proves to be no laughing matter when Father Brown visits a iesters' convention, (AD)

11.00 Death in Paradise 1/8 Series 4. When the owner of a rum distillery is murdered during a seance, evidence points to a ghost as the prime suspect. Guest-starring Don Gilet. (AD)

12 midnight Annika: double bill (AD) **2.20–4.00am** We Hunt Together: double bill (AD)

Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114 BT 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

#### Discovery

6.00am Bitchin' Rides 10.00 Kindig Customs 11.00 Bitchin' Rides 12 noon Alaskan Bush People **1.00pm**Expedition Unknown **6.00** How the
Universe Works (AD) **8.00 New.** Mark Rober's Revengineers: double bill. Mark and the team give lazy dog-walkers a taste of their own medicine, then Mark challenges the team to build the ultimate unstealable revenge bike 9.00 Lair of the Killer Crocs: attempts to relocate dangerous crocodiles in Australia 10.00 Wheeler Dealers: Mike gambles on a Ford P100 imported from South Africa to Scotland **11.00** Kindig Customs: Dave has his hands full trying to build a 1959 Buick Invicta, which pushes the shop to the max, and even to a foundry straight out of medieval times 12 midnight Deadliest Catch 4.00–5.00am How It's Made

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177 BT 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

#### Discovery History

**6.00am** Shed and Buried **9.00** Combat Dealers **12 noon** Salvage ers **3.00pm** O King Tut's Hunters: the Restor Hunters: the Restorers **3.00pm**Combat Dealers **6.00** King Tut's
Mystery Tomb Opened **7.00** Scandals
of Ancient Egypt **8.00** Shed and
Buried: four editions. A magnificent
collection of Second World War vehicles **8.30** Unearthing vintage vehicles lying
abandoned in Britain **9.00** Henry Cole and Sam Lovegrove search for more abandoned automotive gems **9.30** Making a profit from the UK's abandoned vehicles **10.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers: double bill. Metal worker Ted Restorers, double bill, Metal worker red tries to revive a model fairground, then Nev and Gordon revamp a damaged gothic lantern **12 midnight-5.00am** Combat Dealers (AD)

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381

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#### Sky Documentaries



Apollo 11 6.00pm Astronaut Neil Armstrong's journey

6.00am Discovering: Rock Hudson (AD) **7.00** Discovering: Groucho Marx (AD) **8.00 FILM** The Fog of War: Eleven Lessons from the Life of Robert S McNamara ★★★ Oscar-winning documentary (W) **10.00** Life According to Sam **11.45** FILM Otto Baxter: Not a F\*\*\*ing Horror Story ★★★★ Following British actor Otto Baxter, who has Down's syndrome (AD) (W) **1.30pm** The Puppet Asylum (AD) **2.10** On the Line: the Richard Williams Story (AD) 4.00 The Last Rider: the story of American cyclist Greg LeMond

#### 6.00pm Apollo 11

Telling the story of the 1969 Moon landing, using rare archival footage. (AD) (W)

7.50 My Icon: Heather Watson The tennis star's idol. (AD)

8.00 Lockerbie 2/4. Investigators uncover a key piece of evidence that suggests links to a Palestinian terror cell. (AD)

9.00 Class Action Park A New Jersey water park that became infamous for poor safety. (AD)

10.50 Jackie Stewart Profiling the Formula One great

12.45am Stirling (AD) 2.00 New AKA Mr Chow **3.45 New series** Love Has Won: the Cult of Mother God 4.45 My Icon: Keegan Hirst (AD) **5.00–6.00am** The Directors Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 BT 352/HD 367

#### **Nat Geographic**

8.00am Abandoned 9.00 Drain the Oceans: Deep Dive 10.00 World's Greatest Train Journeys from Above (AD) 11.00 Car SOS (AD) 2.00pm Hitler's American Battleground 4.00 Hunting Hitler's Bomb 5.00 Hitler's Teen Killers **6.00 New.** Primal Survivor: Extreme African Safari: Hazen Audel embarks on a gruelling ocean voyage **7.00** Air Crash Investigation (AD) **8.00 New.** Border Protection Spain: the coastguard is called to help a group of people stuck on the side of a cliff **9.00** Hitler's Last Stand: a small group of American soldiers must capture a vital enemy fort (AD) **10.00** Hitler's Killer Warships: Drain the Oceans (AD) **11.00** To Catch a Smuggler 12 midnight US Secret Service: on the Front Line 2.00am Food Factory USA 2.55–5.00am Food Factory

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

#### **Sky History**

**6.00am** Evil Genius with Russell Kane **6.55** Brad Meltzer's Decoded **8.40** The Proof is Out There 10.00 Pawn Stars 12.45pm Storage Wars 1.40 Storage Wars Canada 3.05 Instruments of Death 7.00 Colosseum: double bill. How exotic beasts were brought back to entertain the Colosseum crowds, then Emperor Colosseum crowds, then Emperor Trajan throws his great games of AD 107, and the crowd is treated to a rare spectacle – female gladiators 9.00 Cheating Hitler: Surviving the Holocaust: three Canadian Holocaust survivors search for clues to unanswered questions 1.30am Nature Gone Wild
2.00-6.00am Instruments of Death **Sky History Sky** 123 (124 Scotland) **Virgin** 131 **BT** 353/**HD** 368 **+1 Sky** 223 (224 Scot) **Virgin** 331

#### Sky Nature



Whale with Steve Backshall 8.00pm Close encounters

6.00am Baby Animals 8.00 The Forgotten Forests of Malaysia **9.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **12 noon** Extreme Animals: One Wild Day **3.00pm** My Garden of a Thousand Bees 4.00 My Wild Cats **5.00 New.** Monkey Life

6.00pm Wild Canary Islands The astonishing ecosystems where new opportunities arose for species when rocks engulfed by flames emerged from the ocean.

7.00 The Forgotten Forests of **Malaysia** A baby proboscis monkey takes its first steps and translucent spiderlings hatch from the eggs of an ogre-faced spider.

8.00 Whale with Steve Backshall

Steve freedives with whales and dolphins to record rarely seen behaviours. See page 50. See feature: page 26

9.00 Dehesa: Forest of the Iberian Lynx An exploration of the Dehesa in the Iberian Peninsula. 10.00 A look at wildlife in the Dehesa, an ancient wild grassland dotted with trees.

11.00 Monkey Life Daily life at Monkey World in Dorset. 11.30 Staff look after monkeys, orangutans and other primates. **12 midnight** Patrick Aryee's Wild World **4.00–6.00am** Dehesa: Forest of the Iberian Lynx

Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 BT 354/HD 369

#### Eden

9.00am World's Greatest Palaces (AD) 12 noon The Architecture the Railways Palaces (AD) **4.00pm** World's Greatest Palaces (AD) **7.00** The Architecture the Railways Built: four editions. Tim Dunn explores the disused Tube station Down Street in Mayfair **8.00** Tim visits the Ffestiniog in Wales and learns about Amsterdam Centraal **9.00** Going behind the scenes at London's King's Cross station and finding out about the disused funicular railway hidden in the Avon Gorge in Bristol, blasted out of the cliff 10.00 The Ribblehead Viaduct in the Yorkshire Dales (AD) 11.00 World's Greatest Palaces (AD) 12 midnight Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown 1.00am World's Greatest Palaces (AD) **2.00** The Architecture the Railways Built (AD) **5.25–6.00am** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

#### **Animal Planet**

8.00am Tanked 9.00 How Do Animals Do That? **10.00** My Cat from Hell **11.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **12 noon** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 12 noon Tanked 1.00pm Pit Bulls and Parolees 2.00 Meet the Orangutans 3.00 Meet the Penguins 4.00 My Cat from Hell 5.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 6.00 Tanked 7.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 8.00 Celebrity Animal Encounters 9.00 Tanked footpring service the Public Tanked footpring service the Public 1.00 Public Public Publi Not Celebrity Allithat Encourters Syan Newman and Shane Victorino 10.00 Alaska: Surviving the Last Frontier (AD) 11.00 Guardians of Rescue: investigating a claim about starving horses 12 midnight Animal Cops Houston (AD) **1.00am** Alaska: Surviving the Last Frontier **2.00** My Cat from Hell **3.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **4.00–5.00am** Tanked Animal Planet Sky 162 (178 NI) Virgin 178 +1 Sky 262 (278 NI) Virgin 378

### **SPORT**

#### **Sky Main Event**

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 BT 420/HD 440 7.00am Good Morning Sports Fans 10.00 Sky Sports Nev

11.00 LIVE Scottish Premiership **Football** St Johnstone v Celtic at McDiarmid Park (kick-off **12.00**). 2.00pm LIVE Premier League

Football West Ham United v Crystal Palace (kick-off 2.00); 4.00 Manchester City v Tottenham Hotspur (kick-off **4.30**). **Sport: p31** 7.30 LIVE NFL Coverage of a week 13 game, joined in progress; 9.15 The night's second game; 12.30am Green Bay Packers v Kansas City Chiefs from Lambeau Field (kick-off **1.20**). 4.30-6.00am Sky Sports News

#### Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 BT 422/HD 442 6.00am Championship Highlights 11.00 LIVE Scottish Premiership **Football** St Johnstone v Celtic at McDiarmid Park (kick-off **12.00**). 2.30pm LIVE German Football FSV Mainz 05 v SC Freiburg from va Arena (kick-off **2.30**); 4.30 Baver Leverkusen v Borussia Dortmund (kick-off 4.30); 6.30 FC Augsburg v Eintracht Frankfurt (kick-off **6.30**). 8.30 Scottish Premiership Football 10.30 Football's Transfer Window (AD) 11.30 Scottish Premiership Highlights 11.45 Championship Highlights **12.15am** EFL Greatest Games (AD) **1.00** League Cup Retro (AD) **2.00** Classic Play-Offs (AD) 5.00-6.00am Championship Season Review (AD)

#### Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 BT 424/HD 444 7.00am European Tour Golf 8.00 nronicles (AD) **9.00** The Life **9.30 LIVE European Tour Golf** The South African Open, day four. **2.30pm** Chronicles of a Champion (AD) **3.30** European Tour Golf 4.30 LIVE PGA Tour Golf The Hero World Challenge, day four. 9.30 European Tour Golf 10.30 Junior Golf 11.30 Ladies European Tour Golf 12.30am European Tour Golf 1.30 Plaving Lessons 2.00 European Tour Golf 3.00 US Open Official Films: the 2015 event (AD) **4.00** European Tour Golf **5.00–6.00am** Playing Lessons

#### Sky Arena

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 BT 427/HD 447 **6.00am** Women's Super League (AD) **6.15** Super League (AD) **6.30** Rugby League (AD) 6.45 Darts 9.30 Pool 2.15pm Super League (AD) 2.30 British Basketball League **5.00** Unbeatable **5.30** Super League (AD) **8.00** The Gloves Are Off **9.00** Boxing 11.00 British Basketball League **1.30am** Darts (AD) **4.15** Pool **4.45** Rugby League (AD) **5.15–6.00am** Mose Masoe: behind the Smile (AD)

#### **Sky Sports Mix**

Sky 416 Virgin 510 BT 429/HD 449 6.00pm-1.00am LIVE NFL Redzone Live scores and updates.

#### **Eurosport 1**

Sky 413 Virgin 521 BT HD 412 6.00am Powerlifting 7.00 LIVE Valencia Marathon The 26.2-mile race from Spain. 9.45 Cyclo-Cross 10.45 Snooker 12.45pm LIVE Snooker The UK Championship final, first session. 4.00 Cyclo-Cross 6.00 Snooker 6.45 LIVE Snooker The UK Championship final, conclusion. 10.00 Teqball 12 midnight Ski Jumping 1.00am Alpine Skiing 2.00 Snooker 4.00-6.00am Cycling



**International Cricket** 1.00pm TNT Sports 1 Can Rehan Ahmed fire England?

#### **Sky Premier League**

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 BT 421/HD 441 **6.00am** Premier League Highlights **10.00** Sky Sports News

1.00pm LIVE Premier League Football West Ham United v Crystal Palace (kick-off 2.00); 4.00 Manchester City v Tottenham Hotspur (kick-off **4.30**).

**7.30** The Big Interview **8.00** Stories **8.30** Premier League Highlights 3.00am Greatest Games 4.00 Best Goals (AD) 5.30-6.00am 100 Club

#### **Sky Cricket**

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 BT 423/HD 443 6.00am How the 2013 Ashes Were

Won (AD) **8.00** Ashes Cricket: the first and second Tests from the 2023 series 6.00pm Ashes Bitesize: highlights from 2023 8.30 Pushing Boundaries to the Hundred and Beyond **9.45** Ashes Memories (AD) **10.30** Ashe Cricket 2.45am Ashes Bitesize 3.00 How the 2013 Ashes Were Won (AD) 5.00-6.00am Ashes Memories (AD)

#### Skv NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 BT 426/HD 446 **6.00am** Highlights **11.00** 49 Hours **11.15** One Jets Drive **12 noon** Bitesize **1.00pm** Highlights **2.00** Gameday 5.00 LIVE NFL Coverage of a week 13 game (kick-off **6.00**); **9.15** The night's second game; **12.30am** Green Bay Packers v Kansas City Chiefs from Lambeau Field (kick-off 1.20). 4.30-6.00am NFL Bitesize

#### **Eurosport 2**

Sky 414 Virgin 522 BT HD 413 6.00am Ski Jumping 6.55 Alpine Skiing: World Cup from Beaver Creek 7.50 LIVE Nordic Combined **Skiing** World Cup, men's HS138 ski jump from Lillehammer. 8.50 LIVE Cross-Country

**Skiing** World Cup, the women's 4x7.5km relay from Sweden.

10.25 LIVE Nordic Combined **Skiing** World Cup, the men's 10km Gundersen event at Lillehammer.

**11.00 LIVE Cross-Country Skiing** World Cup, men's 4x7.5km relay from Gallivare, Sweden. 12.20pm Alpine Skiing

12.45 LIVE Biathlon World Cup from Ostersund. More at 2.45pm. 1.45 Ski Jumping: World Cup 2.45 LIVE Biathlon World Cup. 3.45 LIVE Ski Jumping World Cup, men's HS140 at Lillehammer. **5.45 LIVE Alpine Skiing** World Cup, men's super-G from Colorado; **7.15** Women's giant slalom, the second run from Tremblant. **8.15** Ski Jumping **9.15** Alpine Skiing **11.30** Climbing **12 midnight** Olympic Games: Story of Women at the Games 1.00am Speedway 2.00 Ski Jumping 4.00–6.00am Alpine Skiing

### TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 BT 408/HD 430

5.45am LIVE International T20 Cricket South Africa v England in the Deaf World Cup. 9.45 TNT Sports Cricket Reload 10.00 Wrestling: action from WWE
11.00 International T20 Cricket 12 noon The Football's On

1.00pm LIVE International **One-Day Cricket** West Indies v England from Antigua, the first in the men's three-match series. 10.00 Premiershin Rughy Union 1.00am Goals Reload 1.30 Boxing 3.30 What Went Down (AD) 5.30-5.45am What I Wore

**TNT Sports 2** 

Sky 411 Virgin 528 BT 409/HD 431

6.00am LIVE Australian Football Newcastle Jets v Melbourne Cit men's A-League (kick-off **6.00**).

8.00 LIVE Squash Hong Kong Open, women's and men's finals

**10.30** Premier League Stories (AD) **11.00** The Big Interview 11.30 LIVE Italian Football

Lecce v Bologna (kick-off 11.30). 1.30pm World Rally (AD) 2.30 LIVE Premiership Rugby Union Leicester Tigers v Newcasi

Falcons at Welford Road (ko **3.00**). **5.15 LIVE Premiership Women's Rugby Union** Leicester Tigers v Loughborough Lightning (ko 5.30). 7.45 The Rugby Review 8.30 NBA Action (AD) **9.00** Wrestling: WWE (AD) **11.45** Europa League Goals Reload 12 midnight Premiership Rugby Union 1.00am Premiership Women's Rugby Union 2.00 International T20 Cricket 3.00 NBA Action 3.30 NBA on Fire **4.00** Down the Clubhouse (AD) **5.00–6.00am** What Went Down (AD)

#### TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 BT 410/HD 432

6.00am LIVE Australian Football Macarthur FC v Adelaide United, men's A-League (kick-off **6.00**). **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union: three matches **11.00** NBA on Fire **11.30** Champions League Goals Reload 11.45 LIVE French Football

Le Havre v Paris Saint-Germain at Stade Oceane (kick-off **12.00**); **2.00pm** Monaco v Montpellier at Stade Louis II (kick-off **2.00**). 4.00 NBA on Fire 4.30 Champions League Magazine (AD) 5.00 LIVE Italian Football

Sassuolo v AS Roma (ko 5.00). 7.00 TNT Sports Goals Reload 7.30 LIVE Italian Football Napoli v Inter Milan (kick-off **7.45**). 9.45 UFC: Dariush v Tsarukvan 12.45am UFC: The Ultimate Fighter

4.45 Goals Reload 5.00 Champions League Magazine (AD) **5.30** Goals Reload **5.45–6.00am** MotoGP

#### TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 BT 411/HD 434 **6.00am** NBA on Fire **6.30** Premier League Football **8.00** Wrestling: WWE (AD) **9.00** TNT Sports Reload 1.30pm LIVE International T20 **Cricket** India v Australia, the final T20 in the series from Bangalore. 5.15 NBA 6.45 NBA on Fire 7.15 What I Wore: Eric Cantona 7.30 LIVE French Football Marseille v Rennes (kick-off **7.45**). **9.45** French Football: four matches 1.45am Australian Football 3.45 MotoGP 4.00-6.00am Rallycross

#### Viaplay Sports

5.15-11.30pm LIVE Spanish Football Sevilla v Villarreal; 7.30 Barcelona v Atlético Madrid. the La Liga match (kick-off 8.00).



# Monday

#### DOCUMENTARY

### **Seeds of Deceit: the Sperm Donor Doctor**

10.00pm, 10.45pm **BBC4** Catch up via iPlayer



Part of the appeal of true-crime documentaries is the chance to stare evil in the face, to see what it looks like and how it operates – but from a safe

distance. This is far from your average true-crime series (there's no murder involved) but the wickedness it charts is gobsmacking in its scope. It's about a betrayal with lifelong consequences, on a scale that reaches across generations.

Dr Jan Karbaat was the director of a Dutch fertility clinic. "He seemed like a sensitive man, who had started a clinic from idealist motives," remembers one of his patients. Karbaat was a pioneer in the 1980s, willing to help single women and lesbian couples conceive via donor insemination at a time when others wouldn't.

But Karbaat (who died in 2017) had sinister motives. Quite apart from being predatory and abusive with some patients, he had a larger plan. He falsified donor passports and used his own sperm to inseminate scores of women. The first episode charts their experiences, the second looks at the impact on their children. It's a disturbing story, brilliantly told. **DAVID BUTCHER** 



#### BOOKS

#### **Between the Covers**

7.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer Publishers looking for dustjacket testimonials ought to seek out comedian Nish Kumar, who knows his way around a pithy summation. "It's Sherlock Holmes meets Gardeners' Question Time," he says of Jill Johnson's Devil's Breath, a line that should be quoted on the cover of its paperback edition.

Although I'd be hesitant to lend Nish any of my own books. He claims to keep his collection in good order, but then admits to having a copy of *Queenie* by Candice Carty-Williams that's so rumpled it looks as though it's been kicked into a bath. Its condition is no reflection of his feelings about the novel, though, as he clearly adores it. **DAVID BROWN** 

#### **HISTORY**

### Julius Caesar: the Making of a Dictator

9.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer This series is not about celebrating someone who once epitomised the "great man" view of history. It's about drawing comparisons between the rise of Caesar as a wealthy rabble-rouser who trashed the Roman republic and his obvious modern parallel, Donald Trump.

As Rory Stewart says, "The awful lesson is that in the end, a populist can corrupt an entire state." We haven't reached that point in the story yet, but when an angry mob storms the Senate house in Rome, we get the picture. Meanwhile, Caesar is conquering so many new lands that his rise looks unstoppable. **DBu** 

#### DRAM/

### The Couple Next Door

9.00pm **C4** Catch up: C4 streaming It seems there's nowhere in Leeds where you can have a private conversation. That must be why officers Danny and Gary keep having fraught exchanges in their police station. The pair now watch CCTV footage of their motorbike cavalcade charade... at their desks. "See? Fake numberplates and we're totally unrecognisable," says Gary.

Best not worry too much about the details. That plotline melts away in this episode of the racy and pacy thriller, the crux of which sees the couples go on a weekend break, climaxing in lingering scenes that must surely have had the show's intimacy co-ordinator invoicing for time-and-a-half, FRANCES TAYLOR

#### **ALSO ON TODAY**

## **Mastermind** 7.30pm **BBC2**

7.30pm BBC2
Give your brain cells
their weekly workout,
followed by
Only Connect (8pm)
and University
Challenge (8.30pm).

#### The Water Pollution Cover-up – Panorama

8.00pm **BBC1**Investigation into how the true extent of water pollution in Britain has been kept under wraps.



#### **Endeavour Week**

8.00pm ITV3
Tonight's episode finds
Wednesday and Morse
(Roger Allam and
Shaun Evans, left)
investigating the
death of an artist.

#### **TRAVEL**

## Matt Baker: Travels with Mum and Dad

9.00pm **More4** 

Catch up via C4 streaming

For the last leg of their caravan road trip (they're back soon for a festive special) the Baker clan discover one of County Durham's hidden gems: historic Ushaw House. This 200-year-old Catholic seminary was designed like a Georgian country estate and concealed behind a wall of beech trees to protect its true purpose.

Matt, mum Janice and dad Mike are granted a view of its priceless treasures, savouring its architectural splendour, helping in the stunning grounds and immersing themselves in "1940s Day". There's still time to meet a renowned chainsaw artist and some adorable baby alpacas on a nearby farm. MICHAEL HOGAN

#### **DOCUMENTARY**

### Forensics: Catching the Killer

9.00pm **Sky Crime** Catch up: Now Purging a crime scene of all forensic evidence isn't easy. A hair, a thread, a drop of blood or even pollen can be enough to link a murder to a suspect.

In 2002, Soham school caretaker lan Huntley murdered ten-year-old friends Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman, burned their bodies, buried them in a remote ditch, disposed of their clothes and thoroughly cleaned his home and car. It wasn't enough.

We hear from the detectives, journalists and forensic experts (who analysed fibres, soil, plants, micro-fossils and chemicals) about the lengthy investigation and learn how the evidence that eventually convicted him was found.

JANE RACKHAM

#### **DOCUMENTARY**

### Murdered: the Baby on the Beach

10.00pm, 11.05pm **C4** Catch up via C4 streaming



Hackles will rightly be raised by these final two episodes, which find the Irish police increasingly

determined to prove that the body of a baby found on a County Kerry beach is tied to local woman Joanne Hayes, despite a lack of evidence.

It's an inquiry that would result in a tribunal being established to examine the methods used by the Irish police. The tribunal's focus, however, was not on the lawmakers but the Hayes family, as officials sought to preserve the reputation of the police by attacking Joanne. When the public twigged, the rights and treatment of women came under the spotlight. **DB** 

### **LIVE SPORT**



## Football: FA Cup AFC Wimbledon v Ramsgate

7.00pm (k/o 7.45pm) ITV4
League Two AFC Wimbledon will be looking to James Tilley (above) for goals as they take on eighth-tier opponents.

#### **American Football: NFL**

Jacksonville Jaguars v Cincinnati Bengals 1.00am (k/o 1.15am) Sky Sports Main Event Action from Florida.

## **Basketball: NBA** 12 midnight, 2.30am

TNT Sports 2

Two in-season tournament quarter-finals.

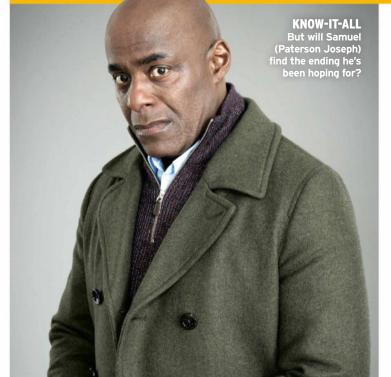
# FILM OF THE DAY



### Ordinary Love $\star\star\star$ 🖸

11.15pm **BBC2**Lesley Manville stars as a woman coping with the news of a cancer diagnosis, supported all the way by her loving partner, played with sensitivity by Liam Neeson in one of his rare non-action roles of recent times. (2019)

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## **DRAMA Boat Story**

9.00pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

SERIES FINALE After working itself into a tight spot, it'd take the world's best contortionist to come out of this finale

unscathed. Sadly, the result is messier than the scenes left by the Tailor and his goons.

The tantalising tease throughout has been Samuel's involvement. He's known everything from the start, remember? Not to spoil it, but the reveal is almost on an "it was all just a dream" level. As the theatre production ends, Samuel notes: "It doesn't even make sense... Anyway, that strand didn't go anywhere."

"No, but the audience came back after the interval, didn't they?" replies playwright Craig. It's so self-referentially smug you want to punch the screen. A second series is set up with a postscript, but will the Beeb bite? Harry and Jack Williams have had hits and misses, but this has been less *The Missing* and more series two of *Liar*. FT

# **MONDAY Main Channels**

#### **DAYTIME**

6.00am Breakfast Sarah Campbell, Jon Kay. (S) (HD) 9.15 Morning Live at Christmas Daily magazine hosted by Michelle Ackerley and Gaby Roslin. (S) (HD) 10.00 Defenders: Busting the Bad Guvs DVSA inspectors investigate the cause of a fatal HGV

crash, finding faulty brakes were to blame. (R) (S) (HD)

**10.45 Claimed and Shamed** A woman who tried to cover up a car crash calls to confess. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

**11.15 Homes under the Hammer** Properties in Essex, East Sussex and Gloucestershire. (R) (S) (HD) 12.15pm Bargain Hunt Ben Cooper and Richard

Madley help the teams find items in Exeter. (S) (HD) 1.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

1.45 Doctors Al struggles on his first day back, and Nina deals with two squabbling elderly sisters. (S) (AD) (HD) 2.15 The Bidding Room Items include antique

dumbbells and a Dinky toy collection. (R) (S) (HD) 3.00 Escape to the Country Steve Brown helps a

couple find a new home in the Welsh borders. (S) (HD) 3.45 Antiques Road Trip Antiques experts Natasha Raskin Sharp and Ishy Khan point their classic car to

Northumberland, Repeated tomorrow 6,30am BBC2 (S) (HD) 4.30-5.15 Make It at Market An upholsterer from Huddersfield and an artistic blacksmith from Edinburgh receive advice. Repeated tomorrow 7.15am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

6.30am Antiques Road Trip Hettie Jago and David Harper are in Lancashire. Shown last Friday BBC1 (S) (HD) 7.15 Make It at Market With mosaic artist Dionne and animal-head embroiderer Alan. Shown last Fri BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00-9.00 Sign Zone 8.00 Marcus Wareing's Tales from a Kitchen Garden The art of charcuterie. (R) (S) (HD) **8.30** The chef goes fishing for crabs in Essex. (R) (S) (HD) 9.00 Nicky Campbell Calls on the day's talking points. Simulcast with Radio 5 Live. (S) (HD)

10.00 BBC News (S) (HD)

**12.15pm Politics Live** Stories from Westminster. (S) (HD) **1.00 Impossible Celebrities** Quiz show with guests including Shaun Ryder and Charlotte Crosby. (R) (S) (HD) 1.45 The Boss Quiz hosted by Susan Calman. (R) (S) (HD) 2.30 The Best Christmas Food Ever Preparing a rib of beef and sticky toffee pudding. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 3.15 This Farming Life Raymond and Jen take a

busman's holiday to Switzerland. (R) (S) (HD) 4.15-5.15 The Great British Winter Five of the nation's most extreme winter landscapes. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD) **9.00 Lorraine** Fashion and showbiz news. (S) (HD) 10.00 This Morning Including Regional Weather (S) (HD) 12.30pm Loose Women Daily discussion. (S) (HD) 1.30 ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) **2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal** David and the dealers visit Aintree racecourse, where Tim Hogarth comes under pressure from a seller's granddaughter before his prayers are answered. Signed repeat 5.05am (S) (AD) (HD)

**3.00–4.00 Lingo** Duos from Leeds, Stoke-on-Trent and Manchester go head to head in a battle of words. Adil Ray hosts. (R) (S) (HD) Followed by Regional Weather

#### Channel 4

6.05am Countdown With the Rev Richard Coles. (R) (S) (HD) 6.45 3rd Rock from the Sun Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 8.25 Frasier Three episodes of the sitcom. (R) (S) (AD) 9.55 Find It, Fix It, Flog It Henry Cole and Max McMurdo restore and upcycle 2CV headlamps. (R) (S) (HD) 10.55 The Great House Giveaway Private investigator Vikki and electrician Emily buy a house together in West Yorkshire. (R) (S) (HD) 11.55 News (S) (HD) 12 noon Steph's Packed Lunch Steph McGovern presents the weekday magazine show. (S) (HD) 2.10pm Countdown Bob Harris guests. (S) (HD) 3.00-5.00 A Place in the Sun Georgina and Robert look for a holiday home in St Lucia. (R) (S) (HD) 4.00 Jasmine Harman helps a couple find a holiday

home on Spain's Orihuela Costa, with at least three

bedrooms. Repeated tomorrow 1.30pm 4seven (S) (HD)

### BBC<sub>1</sub>

Boat Story 9.00pm All hands on deck: Pat's life hangs in the balance as the Tailor's dark past comes to light



#### 5.15pm Pointless

Quiz show presented by Alexander Armstrong. Executive producers Tamara Gilder and Richard Hague (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 Regional news magazines (S) (HD) 7.00 The One Show

Presented by Jermaine Jenas and Alex Jones. (S) (HD)

#### 7.30 EastEnders

Elaine is determined to make the the Vic's Christmas event a big success. Jack turns to Stacey for help. Writer Simon Norman Cast Wednesday/Thursday (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 8.00 The Water Pollution Cover-Up: **Panorama**

Joe Crowley reports on the huge quantities of sewage that is dumped into our rivers every year. Producer Rory Tinman: Executive producer Andrew Head (S) (HD) NOTE: as Panorama reacts to the news its subject matter may change

#### 8.30 Garden Rescue

In Beeston, Nottinghamshire, Charlie Dimmock and Lee Burkhill transform Judith's blank canvas into a Swedish-inspired space with a country cottage twist. Director Steve Peet; Series producer Vic Procter (Revised rpt) (S) (HD) RT GARDENING Save money on amaryllis growing kits, including "Red Velvet", and a callicarpa "Profusion" beauty berry: p143

#### 9.00 Boat Story

6/6. Janet finds herself tasked with a new mission as she begins to unravel the twisted past of the Tailor and realises she must act fast. After parting ways with Janet, Samuel believes he has found his ending, but it isn't everything he had hoped for, as he learns there's a price to pay for his behaviour. The whole series is on iPlayer. See p61. Writers Jack Williams and Harry Williams Cast on Sunday (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

#### 10.40 Have I Got a Bit More News for You

8/10. Guz Khan hosts an extended edition of last Friday's episode, with comedian Ross Noble and broadcaster Janet Street-Porter, (Revised repeat) (S) (HD)

#### 11.25 Such Brave Girls

3/6. Such Birthday Girls. Josie tries to make her birthday dinner last as long as possible. (S) (AD) (HD) 11.50 4/6. Such Outdoorsy Girls. The group visit the woods so Deb can prove she's just as adaptable as Dev's wife used to be. The whole series is on iPlayer.

Kat Sadler Claire .losie Amy Triaa Lizzie Davidson Nicky Sam Buchanan Louise Brealey Paul Bazely Deh Prenatal nurse Haruka Kuroda Hospital nurse Bilal Zafar Clive Paul Casar Vicar Freddie Meredith

Writer Kat Sadler; Director Simon Bird; Producer Catherine Gosling Fuller Both episodes shown last Wednesday on BBC3 (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15am Grime Kids 4/5. After Kai's actions, the future of the Gladiators is uncertain. The whole series is on iPlayer.

Bayo Genevieve Juwon Adedokun Tanika Jadesola Odunio Delove Akra Chris Benjamin Cawley Marsha Millar Dane Yus Jamal Crookes Nan Shanu Hazzan Marcus Onilude Paul Kai .Junior Gabriel Robinson Akosua Emma Bakare Tienne Simon Afi Princess Okaidja Bishop Bebi Tyanna Edwards-Mckoy Caleb Adebisi Cvril Don Gilet Shystie Jo Martin Sean Earl McPherson Bernice Stefan Reggie Shai Javda Kariuki Cale Cole Layo-Christina Akinlude Janette Tanika's mum Anita Osafo-Asare Bimpe Jola Olajide Tanika's friends Fmil Jacobs Yinka Jordie Leany Savannah-Rae Gordon Shown 10pm BBC3 (S) (HD)

1.10 Celebrity Mastermind 2/14. Danny O'Carroll, Cheddar Gorgeous, Brendan Sheerin and Jayde Ádams are quizzed on their chosen topics. Clive Myrie hosts. Shown last Fri (S) (HD) 1.40 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

1.45-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

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### BBC<sub>2</sub>

Julius Caesar: the Making of a Dictator 9.00pm Can Caesar (centre) count on Pompey and Crassus?



#### 5.15pm Flog It!

Philip Serrell and Nick Davies are in Wallasey (R) (S) (HD)

#### 6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games

Malorie Blackman, Matt Dawson, Chris McCausland and Ranvir Singh test their knowledge skills. (S) (HD)

#### 6.30 Strictly It Takes Two

Fleur East chats to the latest couple to leave. (S) (HD)

#### 7.00 Between the Covers

**5/6** Series 7. Sara Cox is joined by comedians Nish Kumar and Laura Smyth and actors and comedians Ben Miller and Kerry Godliman to discuss Devil's Breath by Jill Johnson, published in June, and William Boyd's Any Human Heart from 2002, as well as their personal literary favourites. See page 60. Director Tim van Someren; Producer Scott Jenkins (S) (HD) RT BOOK CLUB Join monthly or quarterly: radiotimes.com/bookclub Your RT Books: page 132

#### 7.30 Mastermind

Tonight's specialist subjects are the poetry of Dame Carol Ann Duffy, surreal comedy The League of Gentlemen, former racing driver Nigel Mansell and Belgian artist René Magritte. Clive Myrie hosts. Producer Paul Christian; Executive producers Chris Jones, Kate Middleditch, David Young and Jimmy Mulville (S) (HD)

#### 8.00 Only Connect

Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts a lateral-thinking battle between the Suncatchers and the Gunners. Director Siân G Lloyd; Producer Nick Martin (S) (HD)

#### 8.30 University Challenge

Amol Rajan quizzes teams from the universities of Manchester and Edinburgh for a quarter-final place. Director Martin Lord; Producer Clare Parody (S) (HD)

#### 9.00 Julius Caesar: the Making of a **Dictator**

2/3. Veni Vidi Vici. Caesar has brokered an uneasy alliance with the two other most powerful men in the Republic – Pompey and Crassus – as the documentary drama continues. To gain even greater prestige he leaves Rome to take the governorship of Gaul (modern-day France). But events beyond his control threaten to destroy his plans and leave him isolated. Pushed into a corner, he makes a decision. that will change the course of the Republic - and Western history – for ever, Narrated by Janet McTeer. The whole series is on iPlayer. See page 60. Producer Helena Hunt; Executive producer Alexander Leith Repeated tomorrow 11.15pm (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 Cunk on Earth

4/5. Rise of the Machines. Philomena Cunk learns about the many inventions that changed the world. The whole series is available on iPlayer. Director Christian Watt; Series producer Sam Ward (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.30 Newsnight With Kirsty Wark. (S) (HD)

**11.10** Weather (S) (HD)

#### 11.15 Ordinary Love ★★★

Romantic drama starring Lesley Manville and Liam Neeson. Loving couple Joan and Tom live a simple, quiet life together, until she discovers a lump on her breast. Over the following months, the two cope with the ups and downs of Joan's cancer treatments and face their own mortality. Available on iPlayer for 30 days. Film of the Day: page 67 Directors Lisa Barros D'Sa and Glenn Leyburn (2019, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

12.40-3.20am Sign Zone 12.40 Countryfile At the rural skills centre at Dumfries House. Shown Sun 6.50am (S) (HD) **1.35 Garden Rescue** Transforming a Liverpool garden into an alpine-themed area suitable for children. (R) (S) (HD) 2.20 MasterChef: the Professionals The remaining eight chefs face the semi-finals. Shown last Monday BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

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### ITV1

Deal or No Deal 4.00pm Who'll be in the box seat as Stephen Mulhern presents another battle of nerves?



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#### 4.00pm Deal or No Deal

Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show where the contestants open boxes that could contain anything from 1p to £100,000, but will they be tempted by a lucrative offer from the Banker? Director Ollie Bartlett; Executive producers Tamara Gilder, Cat Lawson and David Hall Signed repeat 3am (S) (HD)

#### 5.00 The Chase

Bradley Walsh presents as Brendan, Matthew, Joann and Ruby take on one of the fearsome Chasers in a bid to win the contents of a prize pot potentially worth thousands of pounds. Executive producers Martin Scott, Michael Kelpie and Helen Tumbridge (S) (HD)

6.00 Regional News Weather (S) (HD)

### 6.30 ITV Evening News Weather (S) (HD)

#### 7.30 Emmerdale

Caleb and Tracy are interrupted in the throes of passion. Rhona looks on as Gus leaves the hospital. Matty is beginning to feel the strain. Writer Linton Chiswick Cast Thursday/Friday (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 8.00 Coronation Street

Bernie's prison sentence is announced, leaving Gemma reeling. Hope wrecks Cassie's idea for a birthday party. Asha tries to help her mentor Isla forget her troubles, and Daisy is put on the spot when Crystal asks about Ryan's future.

Jane Hazlegrove Simon Barlow Brown Carla Barlow Dolly-Rose Campbell Stu Carpenter Alex Bain Bernie Winter Gemma Winter-Brown Bill Fellows Hope Dobbs Isabella Flanagan Ruby Dobbs Billie Naylor Cassie Plummer Claire Sweeney Lauren Bolton Cait Fitton Calum Lill Darren Morfitt Asha Alahan Tanisha Gorey Joel Deering Emily Dowson Dom Everett Isla Gibbs Daisy Midgeley Crystal Hyde Charlotte Jordan Roy Cropper Erin Austen Amy Barlow David Neilson Elle Mulvanev Ryan Connor Ryan Prescott Toyah Habeeb Alan Halsall Caitlin Edwards Georgia Taylor Gillian Jephcott Tyrone Dobbs Writers David Judge and John Kerr More cast Wednesday (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!

Having spent the last two weeks sampling all the dubious delights that their sojourn Down Under has to offer even those celebrities with the sunniest of dispositions might be feeling homesick and hungry, but a place in the final could be their reward if they can manage to stick it out. Ant and Dec cast an eye over the latest misadventures in the Australian jungle. Repeated tomorrow 12 noon and 5pm ITV2 (S) (HD)

#### 10.20 ITV News

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

#### 11.05 The Mummy ★★

Action horror fantasy starring Tom Cruise and Sofia Boutella. When two soldiers of fortune inadvertently unearth the tomb of an ancient Egyptian princess in the Iraqi desert, an evil supernatural power is unleashed that could bring about the end of the world. Review p67.

Nick Morton Tom Cruise Colonel Greenway Courtney B Vance Ahmanet Sofia Boutella Malik Marwan Kenzari Henry Jekyll Russell Crowe Set Javier Botet Jenny Halsey Annabelle Wallis Dr Whemple **Chasty Ballesteros** Chris Vail Jake Johnson Kira Lee Director Alex Kurtzman (2017, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

**12.55am Home Shopping** (HD) **3.00 Deal or No Deal** Stephen Mulhern introduces the big-money game show. Shown 4pm (S) (SL) (HD) **3.50 Unwind** A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD) **5.05–6.00am Dickinson's Real Deal** David and the dealers head for Aintree. Shown 2pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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### **Channel 4**

**Christmas** Secrets of Supermarket Own Brands 8.00pm Denise Van Outen investigates



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#### 5.00pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas

Kirstie makes characters out of pine cones. Series producers Laura Knox and Laura McKay Executive producer Jo Scott (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 6.00 Four in a Bed

A visit to Bellingham, Northumberland. Series producer Bob Brear; Series editor Grant Tapley (R) (S) (HD)

#### **6.30 The Simpsons**

Warrin' Priests 1/2. A charismatic new preacher comes to town and shakes things up at church. First shown on Sky Showcase (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

7.55 The Political Slot The Labour Party's plan to make arts spaces more accessible. (S) (HD)

#### 8.00 Christmas Secrets of Supermarket Own Brands

Sales of supermarket own brands are higher than ever, but are they special enough to cut the mustard at Christmas? Denise Van Outen aims to unwrap the truth as she looks at everything from food to cosmetics, and reveals which big brands secretly make a cheaper own label version. Series director/producer Tim Robinson Repeated Friday 8pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 The Couple Next Door

3/6. The couples go away together, but the sexual tension between them soon reaches boiling point. Alan's obsession with Becka continues to escalate, with devastating results. Continues tomorrow 9nm. See page 60.

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| Danny                                  | Sam Heughan         | Ethan              | Noah Holdsworth     |
| Gloria                                 | Janine Duvitski     | Mel                | Sarah Gallagher     |
| Pete                                   | Alfred Enoch        | Robbie Spencer     | Mark Frost          |
| Evie                                   | Eleanor Tomlinson   | Susan              | Anastasia Hille     |
| Jas Atha                               | Stephanie Street    | Brian              | Andrew Woodall      |
| Gary                                   | Joel Morris         | Rachel             | Katie Clarkson-Hill |
| Alan                                   | Hugh Dennis         | Mike               | Dario Coates        |
| Becka                                  | Jessica De Gouw     | Noddy              | Robert Whitelock    |
| Jean                                   | Kate Robbins        | Lars               | Aime Claeys         |
| Sophie                                 | Ioanna Kimbook      | John               | Ali Ariaie          |
| Lena                                   | Deirdre Mullins     | Molly's Mum        | Leila Mimmack       |
| Molly                                  | Ellie Lucia McArdle |                    | Geoffrey Breton     |
| Olly                                   |                     | Stairlift engineer | Chris Hannon        |
| Jiya                                   | Noa Goslinga        | Hotel porter       | Rob Oldfield        |
| Aanya                                  | Lena Goslinga       |                    | Paul Dunphy         |
| Andre                                  | Teli Jalloh         | Paramedic          | Emma Moortgat       |
| Sasha                                  | Danielle Dijkers    | Paramedic          | Henry Regan         |
| Yvonne                                 | Lauren Douglin      |                    |                     |
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Writer David Allison: Producer Jen Burnet Director Dries Vos (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 Murdered: the Baby on the Beach

2/3. Irish police are determined to prove the murdered baby belongs to Joanne Hayes, despite a lack of critical evidence. Repeated Wednesday 11.45pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD) 11.05 3/3. As the tribunal of inquiry continues,

it becomes evident that hostile questioning towards Joanne and her family is being used to preserve the police's reputation. See page 61. Director David Harvey: Producers Jonathan Ford, Mariana Rios Sanchez and Sinéad Stimpfig Rptd Wed 12.45am 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am Bangers: Mad for Cars Tinie and Naomi Schiff re-sit their driving tests. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **1.00 Ramsay's Hotel Hell** The Keating, a boutique hotel in San Diego, California, (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **1.50 Couples Come Dine with Me** In Stockport. (R) (S) (HD) **2.45 The Mustang** ★★★ Drama starring Matthias Schoenaerts, A convict begins a rehab programme

Schoenaerts. A convict begins a renau programma in which he helps train wild horses in a bit to curb his violent tendencies. Available to stream for 14 days. Director Laure de Clermont-Tonnerre (2019, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

4.20 Christmas at Highclere Castle The staff prepare the castle for the festive season. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **5.10–6.05am** Château DIY at Christmas A national timber shortage threatens Stephanie's plans. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

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### BBC4

An Art Lovers' Guide 8.00pm Janina Ramirez takes in the cultural high spots of Lisbon



#### 7.00pm Great British Railway **Journeys**

Paignton to Tiverton. Michael Portillo's exploration of the West Country continues in south Devon. He alights at Paignton to investigate a high murder rate in the literature of the 1930s. More tomorrow 7pm. Director George Boyle: Series editor Alison Kreps Repeated 12.45am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 7.30 Winter Walks

Adrian Chiles. Exploring Scarborough on the North Yorkshire coast, the broadcaster begins his journey at the windswept Scalby Ness before heading to Scarborough Castle, the picturesque harbour and St Mary's Church. Series producer Cy Chadwick; Executive producer Tony Parker Repeated 1.15am (R) (S) (HD)

#### 8.00 An Art Lovers' Guide

1/3 Series 2. Lisbon. Winding through the cobbled streets of the Portuguese capital, Janina Ramirez and Alastair Sooke encounter cultural riches that reveal the city's fascinating history. Producer Ben Harding; Series producer Matthew Springford Repeated 1.45am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 Art That Made Us

7/8. Wars and Peace. In the first half of the 20th century, artists across all disciplines responded to the seismic cultural and social changes in the aftermath of two world wars. The whole series is available on iPlayer. Director Kate Misrahi: Producer Helena Hunt Rptd 2.45am First shown on BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 Seeds of Deceit: the **Sperm Donor Doctor**

New series. 1/3. Jan Karbaat was the most renowned fertility doctor in the Netherlands. But after his death in 2017, a disturbing story began to emerge – he had been secretly using his own semen, rather than donor sperm, to impregnate scores of his patients. (S) (HD)

10.45 2/3. The Karbaat children come to terms with their heritage when news gets out about their biological father. The children share their conflict between feelings of belonging and the fear of inheriting malicious genetic traits. From tonight, all three episodes will be on iPlayer. See page 60. Director Miriam Guttmann: Producers Michiel van Erp and Monique Busman (S) (HD)

#### 11.30 Antony Gormley: How Art Began

Britain's most celebrated sculptor journeys across the globe to piece together how art began. Previously, we believed that it all started with the cave paintings of Ice Age Europe, but new discoveries are overturning that idea. Director Morag Tinto (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.45am Great British Railway Journeys

Shown 7pm (S) (AD) (HD) **1.15 Winter Walks** Shown 7.30pm (S) (HD) 1.45 An Art Lovers' Guide Shown 8pm (S) (AD) (HD)

**2.45–3.45am** Art That Made Us. Shown 9pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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#### **BBC SCOTLAND**

2.00pm Landward: signed **2.30** Loggerheads: signed 3.00–4.00 This Farming Life: signed **7.00** Eilish McColgan: Running in the Family 8.00 Who Lives in Scotland?: the impact on Scotland of the movement of people **9.00** The Nine 10.00 River City: Lenny is forced to consider a deal with Victoria 10.30 The Scotts: Vincent finds some junk in his mum's loft 11.00 Selling Scotland 11.30-12 midnight Scary Adult Things

#### **STV**

10.20pm ITV News; STV News and Weather 11.00 Scotland Tonight; ITV Weather 11.25 FILM: The Mummy 1.15-3.00am Night Vision 3.50-5.05 Night Vision

#### **BBC1 WALES**

8.00-8.30pm Dogs on Death Row: Will the Bully Ban Work?: Jordan Davies investigates the new ban on XL bully dogs 10.40 The Water Pollution Cover-Up: Panorama 11.10 Have I Got a Bit More News for You 11.55 Such Brave Girls 12.50am Grime Kids 1.40-6.00 BBC News

#### BBC<sub>1</sub> **NORTHERN IRELAND**

**7.00pm** Hope Street: a local faith healer is attacked at the ancient and mystical Fairy Ring **7.45** Suzie Lee: Home Cook Hero: Suzie shows how to liven up bread **8.00**EastEnders: Elaine is on a Christmas mission **8.30–9.00** The Water Pollution Cover-Up

- Panorama: current affairs report **10.40** The Blame Game: Dave Elliott joins Tim McGarry, Colin Murphy, Diona Doherty and Neil Delamere 11.10 Have I Got a Bit More News for You **12 midnight** Such Brave Girls: double bill 12.50–1.45am Grime Kids: after Kai's actions at Mic of the Manor, the future of the

#### BBC2 **NORTHERN IRELAND**

Gladiators is uncertain

10.00-10.30pm Eadaí SOS: Caoimhe Ní Chathail heads to Cobh, Cork, to meet Dónall

#### UTV

**11.05pm** View from Stormont **12.05am** Heathrow: Britain's Busiest Airport 12.30-12.55am Rare Breed: a Farming Year: farmers flock to the Balmoral Show

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# MONDAY Freeview

#### **Channel 5**





Traffic Cops 8.00pm Jamie Theakston presents the police documentary series

6.00am Milkshake! See page 66 9.15 Jeremy Vine (S) (HD) 11.15 Storm Huntley (S) (HD) 12.30pm Alexis Conran (S) (HD) **1.25 5 News** (S) (HD)

1.30 The Christmas House ★★ Romantic drama. A TV star returns home and reconnects with his high-school sweetheart. English, Spanish +subtitles. Director Michael Grossman (2020) (S) (W) (HD)

3.15 Creating Christmas Magic ★★ Romance starring Greer Grammer. An author with writer's block asks his illustrator to work with him over Christmas. Director Jason James (2023) (S) (W) (HD)

5.00pm 5 News (S) (HD)

6.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly

1/6 Series 1. Trainer Graeme Hall meets a woman whose two labradors pull her along at break-neck speed. Series producer Will Stanford (R) (S) (HD)

6.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

#### 7.00 Motorway Cops: Catching **Britain's Speeders**On the M56, PC Ian Cosgrove is on the

hunt for a driver who crashed into the central barrier then continued driving at high speed in the wrong direction. (R) (S) (HD)

**7.55 5 News Update** (S) (HD)

#### 8.00 New series. Traffic Cops

Ep 1. Series 13. Ten police units from two forces pursue a gang of suspected car thieves who are using fake registration plates to steal high-powered vehicles. Meanwhile, officers apprehend the driver of a stolen vehicle at a service station on the M1. Presented by Jamie Theakston. Series producer Simon Meehan (S) (HD) Followed by 5 News Update (S) (HD)

#### 9.00 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts

**Ep 7.** A 75-year-old woman arrives in agony after collapsing in her garden and falling on her hip, while Dr Josh Gemmill needs to consult specialists about a 78-year-old former miner who has sustained a large haematoma on his arm. Directors John Nichols and Anna Evans (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 999: Critical Condition

Trauma team leader Julie Norton deals with two seriously injured patients who arrive at the emergency department within minutes of each other. Directors Anna Keel and Ally Roberts (R) (S) (HD)

#### 11.05 Police: Hour of Duty

Officers in Derbyshire race to a hospital where three emergency workers have been assaulted. Shortly after, officers receive a call from a woman who claims her neighbour is threatening to kill her. eries producer Kitty O'Hara (R) (S) (HD)

**12.05am** Police Interceptors (R) (S) (HD) **1.00 LIVE** NFL: Monday Night Football: Jacksonville Jaguars v Cincinnati Bengals (kick-off 1.15) (S) (HD) 4.30 Nick's Quest (R) (S) (SL) 4.55 Entertainment News (S) (HD) 5.05 House Doctor: in the Cotswolds (R) (S) (SL) **5.30–5.40am** Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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**BBC4** listings are overleaf

#### **BBC3**



Grime Kids 10.00pm Will Kai regret his actions at Mic of the Manor?

7.00pm A Lot like Christmas ★★

Romantic comedy drama starring Maggie Lawson. A family business selling Christmas trees strives to hold on to its clientele when a rival resorts to ruthless marketing tactics. On iPlayer for 30 days. Director Stacey N Harding (2021) (S) (W) (HD) Followed by New. The Catch Up (S) (HD)

#### 8.30 Doctor Who: Unleashed

2/3. Behind the scenes with the cast of Wild Blue Yonder. See choice, page 40. Shown Saturday 7.25pm (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 New. The Rap Game UK

**5/6** Series 5. The artists collaborate with Fraser T Smith for a piano challenge about legacy. Series 1 to 4 are on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

#### 10.00 New. Grime Kids

**4/5.** After Kai's actions at Mic of the Manor, the future of the Gladiators is uncertain. Starring Juwon Adedokun and Delove Akra. The whole series is on iPlayer. Repeated tonight BBC1 For cast see p62 (S) (HD)

#### 10.50 People Just Do Nothing

1/5 Series 2. Grindah contemplates his choice of godfather for Angel. (S) (AD) (HD) 11.20 2/5. Beats is thrilled when he is left in charge of Kurupt FM. A box set is available on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 11.50 RuPaul's Drag Race UK

10/10 Series 5. The queens star in Drag Race UK's first ever music video. Shown last Thursday (S) (HD)

1.00am Eating with My Ex (S) (HD) 1.30 The Rap Game UK (S) (HD) **2.30** Grime Kids (S) (HD) **3.20** Mobility (S) (AD) (HD) **3.30–3.55am** People Just Do Nothing (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 **Sky** 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) **Virgin** 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

#### ITV2



**6.00am** CITV (HD) **9.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **10.00** Secret Crush (S) (HD) **11.00** Dress to Impress (S) (HD) 12 noon I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! (HD) **1.30pm** In for a Penny (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** Supermarket Sweep (S) (HD) **3.00** Secret Crush (S) (HD) **4.00** Dress to Impress (S) (HD) **5.00** I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! Shown yesterday 9pm ITV1 (S) (HD)

**6.30pm In for a Penny** Stephen Mulhern sets challenges in Newport. (S) (AD) (HD) 7.00 Family Fortunes Gino D'Acampo hosts as the Napiers of Nottingham go up against the Collins family of Surrey. (S) (HD)

**8.00 Bob's Burgers** Series 12. Louise hides a house spider in her room. (S) (AD) (HD) **8.30** Bob and the children help Nat with a limo competition. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.30 New. Family Guy Series 21. Meg, Brian and Stewie go to Russia to avenge a hacking.
9.30 Series 18. Meg takes Stewie to see Santa but the visit leaves him traumatised. 10.00 The network reboots the series, and three versions are shown to a focus group. **10.30** Series 13. Peter is upset when his friends publicly make fun of him. **11.00** Peter claims he could beat Liam

Neeson in a fight. (S) (AD) (HD) 11.30 American Dad! Series 13 Roger converts to Judaism. (S) (AD) (HD) **12 midnight** *Series 14.* Jeff realises that he

has a flair for house flipping. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.30am Plebs: double bill (S) (AD) (HD) 1.30 The Stand Up Sketch Show (S) (HD) 2.00 Unwind (S) (HD) 3.00 Home Shopping (HD) 5.00 Unwind (S) (HD) 5.50 Unwind (S) (HD) 5.50 Unwind (S) (HD) 5.50 Unwind (S) (HD) 5.50 Unwind (S) (HD) 5.515-6.00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records: featuring skipping dogs (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315



Endeavour 8.00pm An artist's death leaves DC Morse and co baffled

**6.00am** Classic Emmerdale (S) **7.05** Classic Coronation Street (S) (AD) **8.10** Never the Twain: the duo re-enact an ancient battle; Twain: the duo re-enact an ancient battle; 8.40 Simon's ex-wife turns up (S) 9.10 Wild at Heart: 3/10 Series 6. Danny faces a tough choice on his first day as state vet Repeated 12.05am; 10.10 4/10. Du Plessis's bid to show Caroline the real Africa backfires. Starring Stephen Tompkinson and Dawn Steele Repeated 1.10am (S) (AD) (HD) 11.15 Heartbeat: 16/16 Series 4. Nick investigates a spate of Christmas tree thefts; **12.20pm** *1/15* Series 5 Stolen loot from a robbery resurfaces (S) (AD) 1.25pm Classic Emmerdale: double bill. Pearl

resolves to flee the village, then Pearl nervously decides to face her tormentors (S) **2.25** Classic Coronation Street: double bill. Emily tries to talk Brenda down from the bell tower, then Todd proposes to Sarah (S) (AD) **3.30** Midsomer Murders: Series 8. Dead in the Water. A body is found in a river (S) (AD)

#### 5.25pm Downton Abbey

1/7 Series 1. The lives of the Crawley family and their servants are changed for ever by the sinking of the Titanic. Continues tomorrow 5.50pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 6.55 Heartbeat

2/15 Series 5. Kate goes into labour and gives birth to a beautiful baby girl but there's heartbreak for Nick when he learns of his wife's condition. (S) (AD)

#### 8.00 Endeavour

2/4 Series 3. Arcadia. The detective discovers dark secrets in a family-run supermarket, as he investigates a possible connection to a fire that killed an artist who was involved with activists. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 Grantchester

**5/6** Series 3. Sidney joins a travellers' community as he struggles to put his past life in Grantchester behind him. (S) (AD) (HD) 11.05 6/6 Series 3. Personal pressures on Sidney and Geordie come to a head, James Norton and Robson Green star. Series four starts tomorrow 10pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am Wild at Heart Shown 9.10am/10.10am (S) (AD) (HD) 2.10-2.30am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 +1 F'view 59 (9pm-4am) F'sat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

6.00am Snooker v Darts (S) (HD) 6.05 Minder (S) (SL) (AD) **7.05** The Sweeney (S) (SL) **8.05** The Champions (S) **9.10** Robin of Sherwood (S) **10.20** Magnum, PI (S) (HD) 11.20 BattleBots (S) (HD)

12.20pm The Champions (S) 1.30 Robin of Sherwood (S) **2.35** Magnum, PI (S) (HD) **3.40** The Sweeney (S) **4.50** Minder (S) (AD) **5.55** Premiership Rugby Highlights: including Saracens v Northampton Saints and Leicester Tigers v Newcastle Falcons (S) (HD)

7.00pm LIVE FA Cup Football AFC Wimbledon v Ramsgate, the second-round tie at Cherry Red Records Stadium (kick-off **7.45**). Analysis from Jobi McAnuff and Eni Aluko, rooms from Katie Chembers. Analysis from Jobi McAnutt and Eni Aluko, reports from Katie Shanahan and commentary by Seb Hutchinson and Terry Gibson. (S) (HD) 10.05 FILM RoboCop \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Satirical science-fiction thriller starring Peter Weller and Nancy Allen. When a cop is murdered by a ruthless gang in futuristic Old Detroit, his body is transformed into a computerised body is transformed into a computerised cyborg programmed to fight crime. (S) (W) (HD) 12.10am New. Motorsport UK: the Mini Challenge and Porsche Carrera Cup from Silverstone (S) (HD) 1.15 The Sweeney: Regan finds love (S) 2.20 The Protectors: a Russian scientist is smuggled into England (S) (SL) (HD) 2.50–3.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

#### **Drama**



Last of the Summer Wine 6.40pm With guest star Norman Wisdom

**7.10am** All Creatures Great and Small Repeated 4.15pm (S) **8.05** Doctors: double bill. New medic Marc Eliot confronts his past, then a couple jeopardise their son's life **9.20** Classic Holby City: Gemma questions her future at Holby after her mistake almost a patient his life Repeated 2.55am (S) (HD) **10.40** Casualty: A schoolgirl is disowned by her parents after giving birth **11.50** The Bill: the day of Adam's trial dawns

12.50pm Classic EastEnders: double bill. Patrick and Yolande's wedding is full of surprises, then Dot receives some shocking news **2.05** Pie in the Sky: **4/6** Series 4 The chef cooks for a reluctant witness (s)

3.05 Bergerac: 3/9 Series 7. Jim investigates a diamond theft 4.15 All Creatures Great and Small: 10/12 Series 5. Female of the Species. The new veterinary student arrives Shown 7.10am **5.25** The Upper Hand: **15/16** Series 5. The pair go on an adventure holiday

#### 6.00pm 'Allo 'Allo!

7/8 Series 8. Swan Song, British troops save Edith and René from execution. (S)

6.40 Last of the Summer Wine Series 22. The Coming of the Beast A rumour about a tiger causes ructions. (S) **7.20** Series 23. A Brief Excursion in the Fast Lane. Barry yearns for adventure. (S)

#### 8.00 Miss Marple

**3/4** Series 2. At Bertram's Hotel. The sleuth is presented with a tantalising case involving a cleric whose disappearance is linked with an Irish train robbery. (S) (AD)

#### 10.00 New Tricks

6/8 Series 2. Eyes Down for a Full House Is the death of a bookmaker's father linked to the kidnapping of a greyhound? (S) (AD)

#### 11.20 Dalziel & Pascoe

1/5 Series 11. The Cave Woman. The mummified remains of a woman are found during a cave rescue. (S) (AD)

1.35am Gentleman Jack: 4/8 Series 1. Anne and Ann receive news of a bereavement. which brings secrets to light (S) (AD) (HD) **2.55-**4.00am Classic Holby City Shown 9.20am (SL)

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#### ITVBe



7.00am The Real Housewives of Cheshire (S) (HD) **8.00** Project Bakeover (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe: children's programmes (HD)

12 noon Sugar Showdown (S) (HD) 12.25pm The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills (S) (HD) **1.20** The Only Way Is Mallorca (S) (HD) **2.15** The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD) **3.10** Million Dollar Listing: NYC (S) (HD) **4.05** New. The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City (S) (HD)

6.00pm Masters of Flip Dave and Kortney Wilson look back over recent episodes. (S) (HD) 7.00 The Big Bake The baking teams work in perfect harmony to create cakes inspired by a favourite festive tune. (S) (HD)

**8.00** The baking teams must hop to it when they create a cake for Santa Paws. (S) (HD) **9.00 Botched** An ex-model who almost died during a procedure wants to take a second chance at fixing her neck and nose. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 New. Love Island: Australia Dating

drama unfolds with Trent and Savanah's rollercoaster relationship. (S) (HD) 11.20 The Cabins The heat is on in one cabin

as a guest decides to take control. (S) (HD) **12.20am** Unboxed: a living room design (S) (HD) **12.50–1.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319

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#### More4





Matt Baker: Travels with Mum and Dad 9.00pm Exploring Ushaw House

**8.55am** Kirstie's House of Craft **9.15** A Place in the Sun **10.05** A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now? **11.05** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **1.10pm** Car SOS (AD) **2.10** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It (AD) **3.10** Four in a Bed **5.50** The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes (AD) **6.55pm Escape to the Château** As Christmas approaches, Dick and Angel rush to complete their huge to-do list before the arrival of their relatives from England. (AD) **7.55 Grand Designs** Kevin McCloud meets Andy Stakes and Jeanette Hardy, who are planning to build a glass-fronted house on top of a sheer cliff, 100 feet above crashing seas on the west coast of Scotland, (AD) 9.00 TO CHOICE New. Matt Baker: Travels with Mum and Dad Ep 6 Series 2 The Bakers head to Ushaw House in County Durham, where they're given a glimpse of a largely unknown collection, including priceless treasures buried with a saint and rare clothes from an ancient royal wardrobe. See p61. (AD) 10.00 Devon and Cornwall at Christmas Documentary celebrating the festive season in Devon and Cornwall with people whose livelihood depends on this time of year. (AD) **11.05 24 Hours in A&E** Richard, 47, has fallen off a ladder while fixing his roof, and five-year-old Cojo is brought in after injuring his elbow while wrestling with his brother. (AD)

12.10am Matt Baker: Travels with Mum and Dad
(AD) 1.15 999: on the Front Line 2.20 24 Hours in
A&E (AD) 3.25–3.50am A Place in the Sun More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

#### E4

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**6.00am** Hollyoaks Shown last Wed/Thu (AD) **7.00** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **8.00** Baby Daddy **9.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **11.00** The Goldbergs (AD) 12 noon The Big Bang Theory (AD) 2.00pm The Goldbergs (AD) 3.00 Modern Family 4.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) 5.00 The Big Bang Theory: two episodes of the sitcom (AD) **6.00pm The Big Bang Theory 9/24** Series 6 Sheldon and Howard have an argument. (AD) **6.30** 10/24. Sheldon reluctantly has to take care of Amy when she gets sick. (AD) 7.00 Hollyoaks A secret affair gets exposed. Repeated Wednesday 6.30am (AD) 7.30 Young Sheldon 2/22 Series 5. Mary helps Pastor Jeff search for a youth pastor (AD) **8.00 Modern Family 1/24** Series 1. Jay struggles to keep up with his younger wife. **8.30 2/24.** Phil tries to teach his son a lesson **9.00 Gogglebox** An edition from March, featuring Jamie's £1 Wonders, Married at First Sight Australia and Only Connect. (AD)
10.00 New. Made in Chelsea Tristan's old flame Nicole runs into Lauren at Fashion Week. **11.00 Gogglebox** The households' opinions 11.00 Godglebbx The Households Opinions on TV shows aired in September 2018. (AD) 12.05am First Dates (SL) (AD) 1.15 Married at First Sight Australia 2.30 Below Deck Sailing Yacht (AD) 3.20 Made in Chelsea (SL) 4.10 How I Met Your Mother (AD) 5.00–6.00am The Neighborhood E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 +1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

#### Really

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea 7.00 Shopping 8.00 Salvage Hunters 10.00 The Yorkshire Auction House 11.00 Antiques Road Trip 12 noon Money for Nothing 1.00pm A Place in the Sun 2.00 My 600lb Life 4.00 Animal Cops Houston (AD) 5.00 Helicopter R6.00 The Yorkshire Auction House 7.00 Antiques Road Trip 9.00 New. Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House 10.00 The Repair Shop 11.00 Ghost Adventures 12 midnight Portals to Hell 1.00am Ghost Adventures 2.00 Shopping 4.00 Animal Cops Houston (AD) 5.00-6.00am Salvage Hunters Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

#### **Sky Arts**





**André Rieu: Welcome to My World** 8.00pm Recalling royal engagements

**6.00am** Cameron Mackintosh: the First 50 Years **8.10** The Joy of Painting (AD) **9.10** Tales of the Unexpected **10.10** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.10** Discovering: Angela Bassett 12 noon The Joy of Painting (AD) 1.00pm Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **2.00** Rankin's 2020 **3.00** Portrait Artist of the Year (AD) **4.00** Discovering: Jeff Goldblum: a profile of the actor **5.00** The Joy of Painting (AD) 6.00pm Tales of the Unexpected A retired thief attempts a publicity stunt. (AD) **6.30** A writer uncovers an intriguing story when he revisits his wartime lodgings. (AD) 7.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents A man terrified of guns confronts a robber. **7.30** A man discovers that his wife is living a secret life when he hires a private investigator. 8.00 André Rieu: Welcome to My World Sharing insights into his royal engagements over the years, the violinist recalls highlights of his concert at the 2013 investiture of King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands. 9.00 New series. Darbar Festival Performances from the festival celebrating the diversity of Indian classical music. 10.30 New series. Sky Arts Ambassador Bursary Shorts A look behind the scenes with Paraorchestra, which is based in Bristol.

10.40 Classic FM Live: Greatest Hits of **Opera** A concert from the Royal Albert Hall. **12.50am** Discovering: Elton John: the singer's career **1.50** Bruce Springsteen: Live in Barcelona **5.00–6.00am** Cheltenham Literature Festival **Sky Arts Freeview** 36 **Freesat** 147 **Sky** 130 (131 Scotland) **Virgin** 140/**HD** 123 **BT** 350/**HD** 365

#### 4seven

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**9.00am** Come Dine with Me: in Windsor **11.30** Kirstie's Handmade Christmas (AD) 1.30pm A Place in the Sun 2.30 Come Dine with Me 5.00 The Great House Giveaway 6.00pm A Place in the Sun Jean Johansson helps Georgina and Robert find a holiday home in St Lucia. Shown 3pm C4 **7.00** A couple want a holiday home on 8.00 Amazing Spaces Snow Special
George Clarke and Will Hardie embark on a snow-covered design odyssey across the mountain ranges of Western Canada. (AD) **9.00 24 Hours in A&E** Sara, 46, is rushed in after a car crash with head and chest injuries, and 54-year-old Simon comes in after falling off his bike on his way to buy a helmet. (AD) **10.00 FILM Clear and Present Danger**★★★ Political thriller starring Harrison Ford and Willem Dafoe. When Jack Ryan is asked to investigate the murder of a friend of the US President, he finds himself up against not only a Colombian drugs cartel but also corrupt American government officials. **Review, p47.** Shown Saturday 11.25pm C4 (AD) 12.55am 24 Hours in Police Custody: an armed siege in a tower block 2.35 Gogglebox (AD) 4.05–5.00am Celebrity Lego Masters (AD) **4seven F'view** 49 **F'sat** 127 **Sky** 137 (138 Scot) **Virgin** 143

#### Quest

6.00am How Do They Do It? 6.30 Shed and Buried 7.00 The Repair Shop 8.00 American Pickers: Best Of (AD) 9.00 American Pickers (AD) 10.00 Chasing Classic Cars 11.00 Salvage Hunters: Classic Cars 12 noon How Do They Do It? 1.00pm Money for Nothing 2.00 The Repair Shop 3.00 Find It, Fix It, Drive It 4.00 Salvage Hunters 5.00 Salvage Hunters: the Restorers 6.00 Wheeler Dealers (AD) 7.00 Aussie Gold Hunters 8.00 Salvage Hunters 9.00 New, Outback Opal Hunters 10.00 New, Gem Hunters Down Under 11.00 How Do They Do It? 12 midnight Wheeler Dealers 1.00am Cornwall Air 999 2.00 Chasing Classic Cars 3.00 Salvage Hunters: Classic Cars 4.00-5.00am How It's Made

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#### Yesterday





**Abandoned Engineering** 8.00pm A visit to the ruined site of Troy

**6.10am** Hornby: a Model World (AD) **8.00** Abandoned Engineering (AD) **10.00** The World at War **11.00** Nazi Hunters

**12 noon** Great Continental Railway Journeys **1.00pm** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics (AD) **4.00** Nazi Hunters **5.00** The World at War

6.00pm Great Continental Railway Journeys Michael Portillo travels from Bordeaux to Bilbao, stopping in San Sebastián. 7.00 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce and the team return to Walmer Castle in Kent. 8.00 New. Abandoned Engineering 7/12 Series 12. Exploring the ruined site of Troy and how it helped decode one of the world's most enduring mysteries. (AD)

9.00 Bangers and Cash: Restoring
Classics The team take Derek's advice when
he sniffs out the last remaining Hillman GT. (AD)
10.00 Bangers and Cash: Restoring
Classics The team take on their biggest
restoration yet – a Land Rover Series 1. (AD)
11.00 Abandoned Engineering The remains
of a correctional facility in Atlanta. (AD)
12 midnight Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics
(AD) 1.00am Hornby: a Model World (AD) 2.00–
3.00am The Architecture the Railways Built (AD)
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+1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

#### Dave



7.10am Exploration Volcano (AD) 8.00 Cops on the Rock (AD) 9.00 Cop Car Workshop 10.00 Train Truckers 11.00 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure (AD) 12 noon Storage Hunters UK 2.00pm Top Gear: double bill (AD) 4.00 Cop Car Workshop 5.00 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure (AD)

**6.00pm Rick Stein's Long Weekends** The chef goes foraging for rosehip in Copenhagen, the home of New Nordic cuisine. (AD) **7.00 Richard Osman's House of Games**Jessie Cave, Ayesha Hazarika, Simon Hickson

Jessie Cave, Ayesha Hazarika, Simon Hickson and AJ Pritchard test their knowledge. 7.40 With guests Johnny Ball, Suzi Ruffell, Nina Wadia and Danny Wallace. 8.20 Would I Lie to You? The Unseen

8.20 Would I Lie to You? The Unseen Bits Extra material from the 12th series. 9.00 QI XL Hosted by Stephen Fry. 10.00 QI Tom Allen, Susan Calman and Zoe Lyons take part as Sandi Toksvig hosts. 10.40 Aisling Bea, Cally Beaton and Holly Walsh answer questions about road and rail. 11.20 Host Sandi Toksvig is joined by Phill Jupitus, Sara Pascoe and Mark Watson. 12 midnight Mock the Week 12.40am Would I Lie to You? The Unseen Bits 1.20 QI 2.00 Mel Giedroyc: Unforgivable 2.50-4.00am The Island: comedy panel game hosted by Tom Allen

Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

#### Sky Mix

7.00am Border Security: America's Front Line 8.00 Nothing to Declare (AD) 9.00 Motorway Patrol (AD) 10.00 UK Border Force 11.00 Highway Patrol 12 noon Motorway Patrol (AD) 1.00pm Border Patrol 2.00 Border Security: America's Front Line 3.00 Nothing to Declare 4.00 Stargate Atlantis 5.00 Stargate SG-1 6.00pm Star Trek: Enterprise 7.00 Star Trek: Voyager 8.00 New. NCIS: Los Angeles: the team go under cover as art buyers First shown on Sky Max 9.00 New series. A League of Their Own US Road Trip First shown on Sky Showcase (AD) 10.00 New. Sarah Silverman: We Are Miracles: a stand-up routine in Los Angeles First shown on Sky Atlantic 11.10 Britain's Most Evil Killers 12.05am World's Most Evil Killers: the crimes of American serial killer Dennis Rader (AD) 1.00 The Force: Manchester 2.00 Road Wars 3.00 Highway Patrol: (AD) 5.00-6.00am Highway Cops (AD) Sky Mix Freeview II Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

#### 5 USA



9.00am Murder, She Wrote (AD) 10.00 NCIS (AD) 12 noon Law & Order 12.55pm
Entertainment News 1.00 Law & Order 2.55
Entertainment News 3.00 Law & Order 6.00pm NCIS (AD) 9.00 New. The Blacklist Series 3. The task force prepares to retaliate against its assailants First shown on Sky Witness 10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Series 10. Three episodes. A woman claims to have been raped by a stranger 11.00 The unit is brought into conflict with the Pentagon 11.55 Benson and Stabler investigate a rapist 12.55am Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: two further episodes 2.50 Blacklist: Red uncovers a new plot to kill Liz 3.35-4.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera: how pickpockets distract their victims 5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) +1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

#### 5 Star

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**8.00am** Entertainment News **8.05** Bargain Loving Brits by the Sea **10.05** GPs: behind Closed Doors (AD) **12.05pm** Traffic Cops: double bill **2.05** Police Interceptors

5.10pm FILM Write before Christmas ★★
Romantic drama starring Torry DeVitto and
Chad Michael Murray. A woman writes festive
cards to five people who have inspired her
7.00 GPs: behind Closed Doors An elderly
patient suffering from arthritis fears that
the pain is affecting her mental health. (AD)
8.00 Casualty 24/7: Every Second
Counts A pensioner may have broken his hip
in a fall while getting off his mobility scooter.
9.00 Cadbury at Christmas: Secrets of
the Chocolate Factory Behind the scenes
as the confectioner gears up for Christmas.
10.00 My Lover. My Killer How two

as the confectioner gears up for Christmas.

10.00 My Lover, My Killer How two
troubled lovers attacked each other. (AD)

11.00 Ambulance: Code Red Paramedics
are dispatched to treat a boy who has been
run over on his way to school. (AD)

12 midnight Revenge: triple bill of the series

2.35–3.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera

**5 Star Freeview** 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

#### 5 Action

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**9.00am** Entertainment News **9.15** Winter Road Rescue **10.15** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders **11.15** Police Interceptors

12.15pm FILM The Indian Fighter \*\*\*
Western starring Kirk Douglas 2.05 FILM
The Big Trees \*\*\* Drama starring Kirk
Douglas 4.00 Winter Road Rescue 5.00
Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders
6.00pm Police Interceptors Two known
offenders end up in trouble again in Sheffield.
7.00 Tim is almost mown down, while Adam
is tested to the limit by a drunken road hog.
8.00 The chopper pursues an armed robber
and a sniffer dog makes a discovery.
9.00 FILM The Fugitive \*\*\*\* Thriller

starring Harrison Ford and Tommy Lee Jones. A wrongfully convicted surgeon is hunted by a dogged lawman after an escape attempt on the way to prison forces him to go on the run.

11.40 FILM Six Bullets \*\*\* Action thriller starring Jean-Claude Van Damme and Joe Flanigan. A former mercenary comes out of retirement to help a couple whose young daughter has been kidnapped by sex traffickers.

2.00-3.00am Trucking Hell

**5 Action Freeview** 33 **Freesat** 132 **Sky** 150 **Virgin** 130

#### 5 Select

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9.00am Cash in the Attic (AD) 11.00 The Yorkshire Vet 12 noon FILM Christmas in My Heart \*\* 1.50pm Entertainment News 2.00 The Yorkshire Vet 4.00 The Highland Vet 5.00 Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild 6.00pm Walking Wartime Britain The wartime visitors that wound up in south Devon. 7.00 Jane McDonald: Lost in Japan The singer travels to "Japan's Kitchen", Osaka. 8.00 USA by Train with Tony Robinson A look back at highlights of the actor's trips around the United States and Canada. 9.30 The Stonehenge Enigma: What Lies Beneath? Presented by Rob Bell.

Beneath? Presented by Rob Bell. 11.00 Building the Great Wall of China: Ancient Engineering The wall's construction. 12.05am Forged in Fire 1.00 The Blacklist 2.55-3.00am Entertainment News

**5 Select F'view** (HD only) 46 **F'sat** 133 **Sky** 153 **Virgin** 138

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# MONDAY Freeview & films



DIY SOS: the Big Build 7.00pm From Hessle near Hull

6.10am Rachel Khoo's Kitchen Notebook: Cosmopolitan Cook 7.00 Brother vs Brother 8.00 Tipping Point **10.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **1.00pm** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars 4.00 My Dream Home

6.00pm Property Brothers: Forever Homes Transforming a new house into a forever home. (AD)

7.00 DIY SOS: the Big Build The team transforms the home of a family in Hessle, East Yorkshire.

8.00 Emergency: First Time **Medics** It's the Reading Festival and the junior doctors have no idea whát's in store for them. (AD)

9.00 24 Hours in A&E A man has severe chest and lung injuries. 10.00 A cyclist has damaged his ankle after coming off his bike.

11.00 New. First Responders 9/10 A mayday call from a vacht triggers a search and rescue operation. 12 midnight One Born Every Minute 1.00am Plate of Origin: creating an Aussie classic **2.30–3.00am** Inside the Ambulance

W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

#### HGTV

**7.00am** as 5pm **8.00** The Great Interior Design Challenge (AD) 9.00 A Place in the Sun 10.00 Escape to the Country 11.00 Your Garden Made Perfect **12 noon** as 5pm **1.00pm New series.** Bargain Mansions (AD) 2.00 Flip or Flop 3.00 The Great Interior Design Challenge (AD) 4.00 Escape to the Country 5.00 The Saved and Remade Workshop **6.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers (AD) **7.00** Money for Nothing **8.00** Rock the Block **9.00 New.** Fixer Upper: the Hotel (AD) **9.30** Fixer Upper: behind the Design 10.00 New. Tough Love with Hilary Farr (AD) 11.00 Bargain Mansions (AD) 12 midnight Your Garden Made Perfect **1.00am** as 5pm **2.00** as 3pm **3.00–4.00am** My Lottery Dream Home

#### **London Live** 8

HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191

+1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am Sara Dane 7.00 Mudlarking the Thames 8.00 Never the Twain 8.30 After Henry 9.00 The Brothers McGregor 10.00 Forgother Frontlines 11.00 Dear John 11.45 Secrets of London with Mark Monroe 12 noon Monkey 1.00pm FILM Beat the Devil \*\*\* (BW) 2.50 FILM The Battle of the Seves \*\*\* (BW) 4.35 Secrets of London with Mark Monroe 4.50 London Districts 5.00 World War II the Price of Empire 6.00 London 4.50 London Districts 5.00 World War II: the Price of Empire 6.00 London Live News 7.00 Pythons and the Exotic Pet Trade 8.00 Emmeline Pankhurst: the Making of a Militant 9.00 The Sandbaggers 10.00 The Irish Mob 11.00 FILM East of Elephant Rock \*\* 1.00am Heartland 2.50 London Districts **3.00 FILM** Imprisoned \*\* **5.00–6.00am** Mudlarking the Thames

London Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

#### Food Network 43



Tom Kerridge's Veggie Christmas 8.00pm Recipes

6.00am Holiday Baking Championship **8.00** The Great Christmas Bake Off **9.00** Ainsle Christmas Good Mood Food **10.00** Rachael Ray's Easy Holiday Feast **11.00** The Hairy Bikers' Cookbook **12 noon** The Pioneer Woman **12.30pm** Girl Meets Farm **1.00** Ainsley's Christmas Good Mood Food **2.00** The Great Christmas Bake Off **3.00** The Hairy Bikers' Cookbook **4.00** Tom Kerridge's Christmas Dinner **5.00** The Pioneer Woman 5.30 Girl Meets Farm 6.00 The Great Christmas Bake Off 7.00 **New series.** Marcus Wareing at Christmas: Marcus gets feast-ready for Christmas with his favourite go-to recipes **7.30** Jamie's Family Christmas 8.00 New. Tom Kerridge's Veggie Christmas: chef Tom Kerridge shares his meat-free recipes for the season **9.00** Ainsley's Christmas Good Mood Food **10.00** The Hairy Bikers' Cookbook 11.00 New. Holiday Baking Championship

12 midnight Buddy vs Duff 1.00am Tom
Kerridge's Veggie Christmas 2.00–
3.00am Christmas Cookie Challenge Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140

#### (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot) **Great TV**

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 9.00 Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **11.00** Castle 1.00pm Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 5.00 Murder She Wrote **7.00** M\*A\*S\*H **9.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **10.00** The Persuaders!: Danny is mistaken for an international criminal 11.00 Return of the Saint: Templar gets mixed up in an assassination attempt on an oil sheik 12 midnight M\*A\*S\*H 2.00am Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 3.00 The Persuaders! **3.50** Movie News **4.00** Castle **4.50–5.00am** Movie News **Great TV** Freeview 50 *(limited)* Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

#### True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives 11.00 Evidence of Evil **1.00pm** Wrongly Accused **3.00** Medical Detectives 5.00 Evidence of Evil: double bill of the series exploring some of the most startling criminal cases of the past two decades, highlighting how technology has changed the course of the investigations 7.00 Judge Judy: back-to-back editions **1.00am** Evidence of Evil **3.00** Wrongly Accused **4.50** Medical Detectives

5.40-6.00am Judge Judy

True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 **Sky** 147 **Virgin** 172

#### BBC Parliament 232

**6.00am** Westminster Hall **10.00** Prime Minister's Questions **10.35** Scottish First Minister's Questions
11.20 Welsh First Minister's Questions 12.20pm House of Lords 1.50 Lords Questions **2.30** Live Levelling Up **3.30** Live House of Commons: coverage of the day's proceedings in the House of Commons **11.00** Lords Questions: the day's questions in the House of Lords 11.40-7.00am House of Lords **BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201** 

#### PBS America 84



World of Stonehenge 6.15pm Neil Oliver heads to Wales

6.00am Plane Crash Re-created 6.55 Jazz 8.00 Beautiful Serengeti **8.30** as 6.15pm **9.40** as 10.50pm **10.50** as 8.35pm **11.55** as 9.40pm **1.00pm** Beautiful Serengeti **1.45** World of Stonehenge **2.50** Auschwitz in 33 Objects 4.00 KGB: the Sword and the Shield 5.05 Sabotage in Auschwitz

6.15pm World of Stonehenge 1/4. Neil Oliver explores how Britain and its people came to be.

7.20 Auschwitz in 33 Objects 1/5. Stories of the prisoners of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

8.35 KGB: the Sword and the Shield 1/3. The KGB's history, told through its veterans and its victims.

9.40 Sabotage in Auschwitz The story of four women who plotted an uprising in Auschwitz-Birkenau.

10.50 Auschwitz in 33 Objects

12 midnight as 8.35pm 1.15am Beautiful Serengeti 1.50 as 6.15pm 2.45 as 9.40pm 3.40 Plane Crash Re-created 4.35–6.00am Jazz PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only)

Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

6.00am Hardcore Pawn 7.20 Rust Valley Restorers 8.15 Ancient Aliens 10.10 Gold Hunters: the Legend of the Superstition Mountains **11.10** Britain's Secret Islands **12.10pm** The Proof Is Out There **1.05** Pawn Stars **2.05** Container Wars 2.35 Hardcore Pawn 4.00 Ancient Aliens 6.00 Rust Valley Restorers **7.00** Storage Wars **7.30** New. Container Wars **8.00** Dickinson's Real Deal **9.00 New.** History's Greatest Myths **10.00 New.** Secrets of the Lost Liners: the SS *America*, who served her owners for 55 years 11.00 WW2 Treasure Hunters **12 midnight** Gold Hunters: the Legend of the Superstition Mountains 1.00am Britain's Secret Islands 2.00 Irish Pickers 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal 3.45 Storage Wars 4.10 Alone

5.00-6.00am Pawn Stars Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

#### Challenge

7.00am The Chase 10.00 Cash in the Attic **11.00** Bargain Hunt **12 noon** Wheel of Fortune (AD) **1.00pm** Tenable **2.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **3.00** Cash in the Attic: double bill. Alistair Appleton and Jonty Hearnden head to Ealing in west London, where they meet an art and antiques admirer who is keen to trade in his collections to buy a new kitchen, then they help a Camden couple sell some of their possessions so that they can furnish a nursery for their impending new arrival **4.00** Bargain Hunt **5.00** Bullseye **6.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **7.00** Weakest Link **8.00** The Chase **10.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? 11.00 Tenable 12 midnight Weakest Link 1.00am
Cash Trapped 2.00 The Chase
4.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?
5.00-6.00am Bullseye

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

## CHILDREN'S

#### Milkshake! on C5

6.00am New series. Milkshakel News 6.10 New series. Milkshake! Badgers: Their Secret World 6.15 Sunny Bunnies 6.20 Peppa Pig 6.25 New. Oggy 6.20 Peppa Pig 6.25 New. Oggy Oggy 6.35 Odo 6.40 New. Tweedy & Fluff 6.45 Fireman Sam 6.55 New. Thomas & Friends 7.10 Peppa Pig 7.20 Paw Patrol 7.35 Pip and Posy 7.40 Paddington 8.00 New. Animal Care Club 8.15 Milo 8.30 Paw Patrol **8.45** Chip and Potato **8.55** Peppa Pig **9.05–9.15am New.** Milkshake! Story Der Full listings for Channel 5 are on p64

#### **CBeebies**

6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 Vegesaurs 6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 Vegesaurs 6.10 Bing 6.20 Teletubbies 6.30 Tee and Mo 6.40 Chuggington 6.50 Bing 7.00 New series. Colourblocks 7.05 Hey Duggee 7.25 Bluey 7.40 Go Jetters 7.50 Peter Rabbit 8.05 Octonauts 8.15 Numberblocks 8.20 Alphablocks 8.25 Nick Cope's Popcast 8.35 Justin's House 9.00 Bing 9.10 Yakka Deel 9.15 Love Monster 9.20 Dipdap 9.25 Colourblocks 9.30 Twirtwoos Deel 9.15 Love Monster 9.20 Dipdap 9.25 Colourblocks 9.30 Twirlywoos 9.45 Something Special: We're All Friends 10.00 My Petsaurus 10.05 Teletubbies 10.20 The Toddler Club 10.35 Tiny Wonders 10.40 New. Olga Da Polga 10.50 Gecko's Garage 10.55 Bluey 11.00 Supertato 11.10 Let's Go for a Walk 11.25 Nick Cope's Popcast: Elf 11.30 Teeny Tiny Creatures 11.45 Our Family 12 noon Big Cook Little Cook 12.15pm Waffle the Wonder Dog 12.30 Get Well Soon 12.40 Andy's Safari Adventures 1.00 Yakka Deel 1.05 Numberblocks 1.10 Alphablocks 1.15 Hey Duggee 1.25 Love Monster 1.40 Colourblocks 1.45 Something Special 2.00 My Petsaurus 2.05 Teletubbies 2.20 Dipdap 2.25 Supertato 2.30 Go Jetters 2.45 Maddie's Do You Know? 3.00 Andy's Adventures 3.10 Our Family 3.15 New. Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest 3.30 Love Monster 3.40 Hey Duggee 3.45 Peter Rabbit 4.00 New. Dog Squad 4.10 Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest Minis 4.15 The Game Catchers 4.25 Bluey 4.40 Supertato 4.45 Go Jetters 5.00 New. I Can Do It, You Can Too 5.15 Biff and Chip 5.25 Sarah Duck 5.35 JoJo & Gran Gran 5.45 Moon and Me 6.10 Clangers 6.20 In the Night Garden... 6.50 7.00pm CBeebies Bedtime Stories 9.25 Colourblocks 9.30 Twirlywoos In the Night Garden... **6.50–7.00pm** CBeebies Bedtime Stories

CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

#### **CBBC**

7.00am Shaun the Sheep 7.05 Danger 7.00am Shaun the Sheep 7.05 Danger Mouse 7.20 Dennis & Gnasher 7.35 New. Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 7.45 New. Newsround 7.55 Grizzy and the Lemmings 8.00 New. Andy and the Band 8.20 Odd Squad 8.30 Monster Loving Maniacs 8.40 Operation Ouch! 9.10 Deadly 60 9.40 Andy and the Band 9.55 Nine Minute Ninja 10.05 Lagging 10.30 Horrible Histories 10.55 Shark Bites 11.00 Bitesize Daily 11.20 Out of This World 11.35 Our School 11.55 Danger Mouse 12.20pm Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 12.50 Dennis & Gnasher 1.25 Grizzy and the Lemmings 1.40 Summer Grizzy and the Lemmings 1.40 Summer Camp Island 1.55 Silverpoint 2.15 Nikki Lilly Meets 2.25 Jamie Johnson FC 2.50 The Zoo 3.00 Sketchy Comedy 3.05 The Deep 3.30 Danger Mouse 3.40 Ninja Express 3.50 Taffy 4.00 Grizzy and the Lemmings 4.15 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 4.30 Monster Loving Maniacs 4.40 Odd Squad 5.05 New. Total Dramarama 5.30 New. Total Dramarama 5.30 New Grizzy and the Lemmings 1.40 Summe series. Pokémon Horizons 6.15 Book of F Dragons 6.35-7.00pm The Next Step **CBBC F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701** 

#### ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

#### ITV2

6.00am DC Super Hero Girls 6.10 New. Teen Titans Go! 6.25 Dodo 7.05 Mr Bean 7.45-9.00am Scooby-Doo

#### **ITVBe**

9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Lily's Driftwood Bay 9.25 The Hive 9.35 Bobo 9.45 Claude 10.00 Oddbods 10.10 Ollie 10.15 The Sound Collector 10.25 Sooty 10.40 Pingu in the City 10.50 Bob the Builder: two episodes 11.15 New. Teletubbies Let's Go 11.25 Postman Pat 11.45–12 noon Mumfie

### **FILMS**

#### Film4

11.00am Midnight Lace \*\* Fog-shrouded psychological thriller with Doris Day as a married American in London. (1960, PG) (S) (AD)

1.15pm To Hell and Back ★★★ Audie Murphy, one of the most decorated American soldiers in the Second World War, plays himself in this exciting biopic. (1955, PG) (S) (AD)

3.25 Tomahawk ★★★

Peace-loving frontier scout Van Heflin is up against both sides in this tale of betrayal and slaughter. Yvonne De Carlo, Preston Foster (1951) (S)

5.05 At Gunpoint ★★ Very average western that owes much to High Noon in its plotting. Fred MacMurray, Dorothy Malone, Walter Brennan (1955, U) (S)

6.45pm GI Joe: the Rise of Cobra ★★★★ Exciting, actionpacked adventure inspired by the bestselling toy line. Review, right. Channing Tatum (2009, 12) (S) (AD)

9.00 Under Siege 2 ★★ Predictable action thriller sequel with Steven Seagal dispatching villains when they hijack the train

11.05 Eagle Eye ★★★★ Fast and furious conspiracy thriller in which two complete strangers are caught up in a terrorist plot. Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan (2008, 12) (S) (AD)

on which he's travelling. (1995, 18) (S)

1.25-3.55am Capernaum ★★★★ Oscar-nominated drama from Nadine Labaki that exposes the plight of Lebanon's undocumented

children. Zain Al Rafeea (2018, 15) (S) Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 +1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

#### Talking Pictures TV

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6.00am Rubber Racketeers ★★ B Fast-paced crime drama about an excon war profiteer. Ricardo Cortez (1942) (S) 7.20 Those People Next Door ★★
Nostalgic comedy set during the
Blitz. Jack Warner (1952, U) (S) 8.55 Bournemouth Fire Brigade in the **60s** Short film about the fire brigade. **9.20 Lilli Marlene** ★★ Minor war drama, Lisa Daniely (1950, U) (S) 11.00 Time to Remember TV documentary. (\$)
11.35 October Moth \*\* Bleak psychological drama in which Lee Patterson's unstable loner fixates on an injured woman, (1960) (S) 12.45pm Lost in the Desert \*\*\*

Harrowing drama about a boy's struggle to survive in the wilderness. Jamie Hayes (1969, U) (S) 2.30 Crown Court TV drama. (S) 3.00 The Saint TV adventure. (S) **4.00 Tom Brown's Schooldays** ★★★ Well-played but dated dramatisation of Thomas Hughes's public school story. Review, right. John Howard Davies (1951, U) (S)

6.00pm The Footage Detectives Vintage TV clips and reels. (S) 7.00 Ghost Ship ★ A couple

make a spooky purchase in this British horror. Dermot Walsh (1952, U) (S) 8.30 The Killer Is Loose \*\*\*

Taut thriller about a seemingly mild-mannered clerk who seeks revenge for the death of his wife. **Review, right.** Joseph Cotten (1956) (S) 10.00 Music Box ★★★★

Lawyer Jessica Lange defends her father from charges of Nazi war crimes in this riveting courtroom drama. Review, right. (1989, 15) (S)

**12.30am Crosstrap** ★★ Curious B-Movie crime drama. Laurence Payne, Jill Adams (1961) **2.00 Maigret** TV mystery. **4.00 Justice** TV drama. 5.00 Monty Nash TV drama. 5.30–6.00am Star Performance: Marked Down TV drama.

**Talking Pictures TV Freeview** 82 **Freesat** 306 **Sky** 328 **Virgin** 445

Sky 504 Virgin 605 ALL PROGRAMMES ON THE ABOVE CHANNELS ARE REPEATS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED



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#### Great Movies 34

9.00am The Deadly Twin ★★ Bizarrely enjoyable mystery thriller Brigid Brannagh (2017) **10.55 Boyfriend Killer** ★★ Was her son's death murder? Barbie Castro (2017) **1.00pm The Charm of Love** ★★ Glossy romance the Antilles. Katrina Norman (2020) 2.55 Hint of Love ★★ Culinary romance. Debs Howard (2020) **5.00 No Surrender** ★★ Mena Suvari brings a touch of grit to the role of an advocate for abused women who is herself stalked. Stephanie Bauder (2011) 7.05pm Jack and Jill ★ Adam Sandler plays both an advertising executive and his obnoxious sister in this misfiring comedy. Al Pacino (2011, PG) 9.00 Jumpin' Jack Flash ★★ Whoopi Goldberg's computer operator gets tied up in international espionage. Review, right. (1986, 15)

operator gets tied up in internationa espionage. **Review, right.** (1986, 15) **11.15 Johnny Mnemonic** ★ Turgid sci-fi thriller. Keanu Reeves (1995, 15) **1.10am Killer Contractor** ★★ Do

you trust your builder? Alyshia Ochse, Zac Titus (2019) 3.00 Wild West Chronicles 4.00–5.40am An Aurora Teagarden Mystery: The Julius House Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302

Sky 321 Virgin 425 +1 Freeview 61 (*limited* 10pm-5am) Sky 322

#### Great Action 42

8.00am Wild West Chronicles 8.30 Gunman's Walk ★★★ Intense western with Van Heflin. (958) 10.20 Operation Cross Eagles ★★ Rescue from a Nazi fortress. Richard Conte (1968) 12 noon Wild West Chronicles 1.00pm Badland ★★ A Hunt for Confederate war criminals. Kevin Makely (2019) 3.20 Once upon a Texas Train ★★★ Entertaining TV movie. Review, right. Willie Nelson (1988, II) 5.15 Saints and Soldiers: Battle of the Tanks ★★ Wartime action tale. Danor Gerald (2014, IZ) 7.10pm Disaster Zone: Volcano in New York ★★ Magma is rising under New York in this daft disaster movie. Costas Mandylor, Alexandra Paul (2006)

9.00 Hamburger Hill \*\*\*\*
Affecting, unflinching account of a gruelling campaign of the Vietnam War. Michael Patrick Boatman, Don Cheadle (1987, 18)
11.20 Alone We Fight \*\* Low-key

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for general viewing, but some scenes may be unsuitable for young or sensitive children; 12,15,18

suitable for all; PG Parental Guidance -

war drama about a band of US soldiers on a mission. Aidan Bristow (2018, 15)

1.15am Legion ★★★ Silly but entertaining fantasy horror. Paul Bettany (2010, 15) 3.30 Wild West Chronicles

4.00-5.00am Battle for Warsaw

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

#### Great Movies 52 Christmas

8.00am Angels in the Snow \*\*
A stressed couple need a miracle.
Kristy Swanson (2015) 10.00 Christmas
Manger \*\* A grieving husband
gets new purpose. Andrea Logan White (2018)
12 noon Christmas in the Smokies
\*\* Easy-going romance. Sarah Lancaster
(2015) 2.00pm His and Her Christmas
\*\* Publishing rivals find common
ground. Dina Meyer (2005) 4.00 Crazy for
Christmas \*\* The rich man, his
chauffeur, and a nosy journalist. (2005, PG)
6.00pm Christmas in Evergreen
Wholesome fantasy. Ashley Williams
8.00 It's Beginning to Look a

8.00 It's Beginning to Look a Lot like Christmas \*\* Fun romcom. Tricia Helfer, Eric Mabius (2019)

**10.00 Love You like Christmas**★★ A businesswoman finds love.
Bonnie Somerville, Brennan Elliott (2016)

12 midnight A Husband for Christmas \*\* Co-workers marry to help a company merger. Vivica A Fox (2016) 2.00am Highway to Heaven 3.00-5.00am Battle of the Bulbs \*\*
Decorations spark rivalry. Daniel Stern (2010)

Great Movies Christmas Freeview 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (limited 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

#### **Sky Premiere**

**6.15am** As 9.50pm **8.20 Retribution** ★★ Generic action thriller starring Liam Neeson as a man trapped in a car that is rigged to explode. (2023, 12) **10.00** As 11.55pm **12 noon** As 5.50pm **2.10pm Genie** As 8pm 4.00 The 12 Days of Christmas Eve \*\* A Scroogelike figure is forced to mend his ways in this sentimental time-loop comedy. Kelsey Grammer (2022) **5.50 The Three Musketeers: D'Artagnan** \*\*\* Exciting adaptation of part one of the classic adventure novel. Review p38. François Civil (2023, 15) 8.00pm Genie ★★★ Perfectly cheesy comedy about a magical being assigned to help a workaholic father. **Review p38.** Melissa McCarthy (2023) 9.50 A Thousand And One ★★★ Empathetic indie drama about a mother who "kidnaps" her son from the foster system. Tevana Taylor (2023, 15) 11.55 Love Again ★★ Schmaltzy romcom in which a reassigned mobile number brings together two strangers. Priyanka Chopra (2023, 12) 1.55am As 4pm 3.45 As 8.20am 5.30 Sky Cinema Preview **Sky Premiere Sky** 301 **Virgin** 401 **BT** 501/HD 515 **+1 Sky** 312

#### Legend

8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger 9.00
The Six Million Dollar Man 10.00
Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 11.00
Hawk the Slayer ★ Woeful fantasy adventure. Jack Palance (1980, P6) 1.00pm
Orca... Killer Whale ★★ Obvious and often laughable attempt to jump on the Jaws bandwagon. Richard Harris (1977, P6) 2.50 Raise the Titanic ★★ Famously expensive adventure flop.
Jason Robards (1980, P6) 5.00 Star Trek

6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine TV sci-fi drama series. 7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man TV sci-fi adventure with Lee Majors. 8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger TV action drama with Churck Norris

TV action drama with Chuck Norris.

9.00 War Pigs \*\* Watchable war flick with Luke Goss leading a ragtag band behind enemy lines. (2015, 15)

10.50 Mercenaries \* An ex-SAS

man is on a rescue mission. (2011, 15)

12.45am Tales from the Lodge

★★ Comic spookfest anthology.

Mackenzie Crook, Laura Fraser (2019, 15)

2.35-4.20am Lifechanger \*\*\*
Intriguing take on the bodysnatcher
genre. Bill Oberst Jr, Lora Burke (2018, 15)
Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

### Legend Xtra 🙉

8.00am Crystal Skulls \*\* Cheap Indiana Jones-style disaster-movie hokum. Richard Burgi (2014, 12) 10.00
Andromeda 11.00 Collision Earth \*\* Mercury is set to collide with Earth in this cheap and cheerful sci-fit thriller. Kirk Acevedo (2011, 12) 1.00pm

The Last Sharknado: It's about
Time ★★ Wacky, time-travelling
episode in the hit low-budget
comedy horror series. lan Ziering, Tara Reid,
Vivica A Fox (2018, 15) 3.00 Andromeda
4.00 Star Trek 5.00 Instrument of
War ★★★ A POW makes a violin in
this stirring true-story wartime drama.
Review, right. Jack Ashton (2017, 12)

**7.00pm Andromeda** TV sci-fi series starring Kevin Sorbo. **8.00 Star Trek** TV sci-fi drama.

9.00 Odd Thomas ★★ Clunky supernatural thriller in which an amateur detective fights to stop a plague of evil. Anton Yelchin (2013, 15) 10.55 Wired Shut ★★ An author is visited by his estranged daughter in this underpowered home-

1.00-3.00am Odd Thomas As 9pm Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Sky 317 Virgin 171 +1 F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371

invasion horror. Blake Stadel (2021, 15)

## **FILM REVIEWS**



FILM OF THE DAY

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Ordinary Love ★★★
11.15pm-12.40am BBC2

ROMANTIC DRAMA Belfast-based married film-makers Lisa Barros D'Sa and Glenn Leyburn direct this sensitive drama about middle-aged couple Tom and Joan. While grieving the recent loss of their grown-up daughter, they are then rocked by Joan's diagnosis of breast cancer. Lesley Manville touchingly hits the right restrained notes as a woman predisposed to not making a fuss, while Liam Neeson excels as her worried husband. While the too-chic settings can give it a self-conscious air, the film's compassion and calm is hugely moving. TREVOR JOHNSTON (UK 2019, a sex scene, HD)

## Once upon a Texas Train ★★★ 3.20-5.15pm

**Great Action** 

WESTERN Texas Ranger Richard Widmark and ageing outlaw Willie Nelson discover that youngster Shaun Cassidy is about to disrupt their unlawful business by intercepting some ill-gotten loot. The light-hearted tone of this western might offend purists, but others will enjoy the rollicking fun. TONY SLOMAN (US TVM 1988, some violence)

Tom Brown's Schooldays
★★★ 4.00-5.50pm
Talking Pictures TV

DRAMA Shot on location at Rugby School, this is a reverential rendition of Thomas Hughes's famous novel. Robert Newton gives a performance of saintly sincerity as the headmaster, while John Howard Davies smiles through the tears as Tom Brown. But the film belongs to John Forrest as the bullying Flashman.

DAVID PARKINSON (UK 1951, BW)

### Instrument of War \*\*\* 5.00-6.50pm Legend Xtra 12

DRAMA Jack Ashton stars here as an American bomber pilot who barters with his fellow PoWs to collect the materials he needs to build a violin, so that he can play carols at Christmas. Prisoner of war films typically focus on daring escapes, but this thoughtful drama (based on real events) is a more intimate character piece. **TERRY STAUNTON** (US 2017, violence)

## GI Joe: the Rise of Cobra ★★★★

6.45-9.00pm **Film4** 12

ACTION The film version of Hasbro's other big toy line (after *Transformers*) is a nonstop thrill-ride. Director Stephen Sommers delivers a terrific Bond-style adventure, as the special-ops team of soldiers (collectively known as "GI Joe") battles the Cobra organisation. Channing Tatum and Sienna Miller lead the cast, but it's the cool gadgets that really catch the eye. ALAN JONES (US 2009, edited for content, HD)

### The Killer Is Loose ★★★ 8.30-10.00pm

**Talking Pictures TV** 

CRIME Wendell Corey plays a bank clerk involved in a robbery, whose wife is accidentally killed during the subsequent arrest. The seemingly mild-mannered clerk is locked up, but escapes after three years looking for revenge. Budd Boetticher directs his urban drama with characteristic economy and it all builds to a stunning climax. BRIAN BAXTER (US 1956, BW)

### Jumpin' Jack Flash ★★ 9.00-11.15pm Great Movies II

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COMEDY Whoopi Goldberg's first major role following her debut in *The Color Purple* sees her play a computer operator who inadvertently gets involved in the world of international espionage. The script went through several writers, and this raucous comedy certainly feels as if there were too many cooks spoiling the broth. JOANNA BERRY (US 1986, swearing)

Music Box ★★★★ 10.00pm-12.30am Talking Pictures TV

DRAMA In Costa-Gavras's tense political melodrama, Jessica Lange plays a lawyer who defends her Hungarian father (Armin Mueller-Stahl) from a charge of leading an SS death squad during the Second World War. The film raises more questions than it answers, and Costa-Gavras's direction is perhaps too detached, but the intensity of the courtroom scenes more than makes amends. TOM HUTCHINSON (US 1989, swearing)

# The Mummy ★★ 11.05pm-12.55am ITV1 (starts 11.25pm on STV; Wednesday 11.05pm UTV) IS

ACTION The first film in Universal's proposed Dark Universe franchise tanked at the box office and put an end to the series. It begins with Dr Jekyll (Russell Crowe) sending an archaeologist to investigate an Egyptian tomb, which turns out to be a prison for a mummified princess (Sofia Boutella). Tom Cruise is badly miscast as the soldier of fortune caught up in the ensuing horror. AJ (US 2017, violence, HD)

#### Sky Cinema picks

The Portable Door ★★★
12.10-2.10pm Sky Family
Quirky fantasy. (2023, PG)
Sky 306; Virgin 406; BT 506/520

Melancholia ★★★ 4.10-5.45pm Sky Thriller Taut yarn about the plot to kill a Chilean war criminal. (1989, 15) Sky 309; Virgin 409; BT 509/523

Ambulance ★★★
8.00-10.20pm Sky Hits
A heist goes wrong. (2022,15)
Sky 310, Virgin 403, BT 503/517

Films to stream from p34 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more



## MONDAY

# Satellite, cable

#### Sky Showcase



Rob and Romesh vs NBA Basketball 8.00pm On court

**6.00am** The Early Rundown **7.00** Kay Burley **8.00** Stop, Search, Seize (AD) **9.00** Nothing to Declare (AD) **10.00** River Hunters **11.00** Uptown Otters **12 noon** Supergirl **1.00pm** MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00** The Simpsons

**6.00pm The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air** 19/25 Series 5. Will turns to Uncle Phil for financial help. **6.30** 20/25. Will unwittingly becomes a soap actor.

**7.00 The Simpsons** Bart discovers a glitch in an online game. **7.30** The story of the rise and fall of the Simpson family's vlog.

**8.00 Rob and Romesh vs NBA Basketball 2/4** Series 2. Rob
Beckett and Romesh Ranganathan
learn about the sport. (AD)

9.00 Beverly Hills Cop III \*\*
Action comedy starring Eddie
Murphy. When his boss is
murdered, Detroit cop Axel Foley
tracks down the suspects to a
California theme park and sets
out to crack the case. (W)

**11.00 A League of Their Own** *Ep 6 Series 18.* Stuart Broad and Tom Davis join the regulars.

12 midnight Last Week Tonight with John Oliver 12.40am Sex and the City 1.40 Road Wars 3.05 Hawaii Five-0 4.00 S.W.A.T. (AD) 5.00-6.00am The Early Rundown Sky Showcase Sky 106 Virgin 109 BT 340/HD 355 +1 Sky 206

#### Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 7.00 Primeval 8.00 Home Shopping 11.00 Blood and Treasure 12 noon Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 2.00pm Blood and Treasure 3.00 Primeval 4.00 Stargate SG-1 5.00 Stargate Universe

6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 26/26 Series 2. Sisko, Jake, Quark and Nog encounter an alien woman who is on the run from a group of soldiers.
7.00 1/26 Series 3. Sisko tries to avert an invasion by the feared Jem'Hadar, taking an experimental warship into the Gamma Quadrant.

**8.00 Star Trek: Enterprise** 5/26 Series 2. Archer becomes depressed when his dog falls ill, but Dr Phlox believes his malaise is caused by frustration and presses him to speak to T'Pol.

#### 9.00 20.0 Megaquake \*

Sci-fi action thriller starring William Baldwin and McKenzie Westmore. A team of disaster experts must avert further mass destruction when a series of foreshocks wreaks havoc on San Francisco.

**10.50 True Blood 9/12** Series 5 Eric plots his escape from the grasp of the Authority. Andy and Jason hunt the shifter killers, and Alcide visits his father.

12 midnight True Blood 1.00am Spides 2.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 3.00 Stargate Universe 4.00-6.00am Star Trek: Deep Space Nine Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) Virgin 122 BT 348/HD 363 +1 Virgin 229

#### Sky Atlantic



**The Gilded Age** 9.00pm George travels to Pittsburgh

**6.00am** Fish Town **7.55** True Blood **10.05** Billions (AD) **12.20pm** Game of Thrones (AD) **1.25** Tin Star (AD) **3.30** True Blood

**5.40pm Billions** 6/12 Series 2 Axe negotiates with a seller and Wendy makes a professional decision that adds further conflict to her relationship with Chuck. (AD) **6.50** 7/12. Axe assembles a war room in the Hamptons following a disastrous setback. (AD)

**7.55 Game of Thrones 1/10** Series 2. Robb Stark marches south to avenge his father. (AD)

**9.00 The Gilded Age 6/8** Series 2 Period drama set in the 1880s following the fortunes of a young woman who lives with her wealthy aunts in New York City.

10.10 Billions 2/12 Series 7
Prince recruits campaign support and encourages the Cappers to aim high, while Chuck negotiates with a face from his past to advance a new agenda. (AD)
11.20 3/12. Prince tries to profit from a past employee's work, while Chuck rallies the troops at his old stomping grounds and a betrayal hits Wendy hard.
12.30am The Outsider (AD) 1.30

Guerrilla (AD) 2.35 Game of Thrones (AD) 3.40 In Treatment 4.10–6.00am Fish Town

**Sky Atlantic Sky** 108 (109 Wales) **BT** 342/HD 357 **+1 Sky** 208 (209 Wales)

#### **Sky Witness**

6.00am UK Border Force 7.00 Border Patrol 9.00 Border Security USA (AD) 10.00 Motorway Patrol 11.00 The Equalizer (AD) 12 noon The Rookie (AD) 1.00pm FBI (AD) 2.00 FBI: Most Wanted (AD) 3.00 Caught Red Handed 4.30 Nothing to Declare (AD)

**6.00pm Nothing to Declare** A man is carrying heroin internally. **6.30** Immigration officials are worried about a girl's mental health. **7.00** A Chinese national is quizzed about his place of birth. **7.30** Customs officials quiz a Chinese man about his passport. (AD)

**8.00 The Equalizer 5/18** Series 3 The team transport a dangerous suspect for the CIA. (AD)

**9.00 The Good Doctor 7/22** Series 6. A woman pregnant with sextuplets arrives at the hospital and Dr Andrews must split the doctors into teams for a safe delivery.

**10.00 Departure 1/6** Series 3 Kendra Malley and her team investigate when an explosion on a ferry results in loss of life. (AD)

11.00 The Rookie 8/14 Series 3 Nolan, Harper and Lopez dive into a complex case when the son of a criminal court judge with many enemies is kidnapped. (AD)

12 midnight Private Eyes 1.00am Transplant (AD) 2.00 Caught on Dashcam 3.00 Chicago Med 4.00 The Resident 5.00–6.00am UK Border Force: a flight is delayed Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 110

**Sky Witness Sky** 107 **Virgin** 110 **BT** 341/HD 356 **+1 Sky** 207 **Virgin** 310

#### Sky Max



**Stargate SG-1** *6.00pm* O'Neill watches over Jackson

6.00am NCIS: Los Angeles 7.00 DC's Legends of Tomorrow (AD) 8.00 Supergirl 9.00 Stargate SG-1 11.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 12 noon Supergirl 1.00pm MacGyver 3.00 Hawaii Five-0 4.00 S.W.A.T. (AD) 5.00 DC's Legends of Tomorrow (AD)

**6.00pm Stargate SG-1** 21/22 Series 5. Jackson makes the ultimate sacrifice by exposing himself to a lethal dose of radiation. **7.00** 22/22. The team is sent to rescue a stranded scientist.

**8.00 Rob and Romesh vs NBA Basketball 2/4** Series 2. Rob
Beckett and Romesh Ranganathan
learn about the sport. (AD)

**9.00 The Lazarus Project** *Ep 3 Series 2.* George learns of the repercussions of unlimited time travel when visitors from the past track him down.

**10.00 A League of Their Own** *Ep 6 Series 18*. Stuart Broad and Tom Davis join regulars Jamie Redknapp, Micah Richards and Jill Scott. Romesh Ranganathan hosts.

An armed gang starts fighting in one of the city's busiest areas.

12 midnight A traffic cop gets more than he bargained for.

1.00am Road Wars 3.00 Hawaii Five-0 4.00 S.W.A.T. (AD)

5.00-6.00am Highway Patrol Sky Max Sky 113 (114 Wales) Virgin 111

BT 346/HD 361

11.00 The Force: Manchester

#### Sky Replay

7.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry 8.00 Four Weddings (AD) 10.00 Stop, Search, Seize 11.00 Send in the Dogs 12 noon Highway Cops (AD) 1.00pm Road Wars 2.00 Most Haunted US 3.00 Most Haunted AD Manifest (AD) 6.00pm MacGyver: double bill. Angus and Jack's helicopter crashes in a remote part of Kazakhstan, then Angus and Jack hunt for a corrupt FBI agent (AD) 8.00 Highway Cops (AD) 9.00 The Forces: North East: Officers attend the aftermath of a machete gang fight in Newcastle 10.00 The Russell Howard Hour: topical comedy and entertainment 11.00 FBI: Most Wanted 12 midnight Brit Cops: Rapid Response (AD) 1.00am Stop, Search, Seize 2.00 A League of Their Own Road Trip: South-east Asia 3.00 Duck Quacks Don't Echo (AD) 4.00 Four Weddings (AD) 5.00-6.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

#### **Sky Crime**

6.00am Highway Patrol (AD) 7.00
Motorway Patrol 8.00 Highway Cops
9.00 Nothing to Declare (AD) 10.00
Caught Red Handed 11.30 Border
Patrol 12 noon Made for Murder
1.00pm An Unexpected Killer 2.00
Killer in My Village 3.00 World's Most
Evil Killers 4.00 Britain's Most Evil
Killers 5.00 Killing Mum and Dad (AD)
6.00pm Murders That Shocked the
Nation (AD) 7.00 World's Most Evil Killers
9.00 Till CHOICE Forensics: Catching
the Killer: the crimes of lan Huntley.
See p61 11.00 World's Most Evil Killers
12 midnight Killer in My Village
2.00am Snapped 3.00 World's Most
Evil Killers (AD) 4.00 Road Wars
5.00-6.00am Motorway Patrol

**Sky Crime Sky** 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **BT** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321

#### Gold



**The Vicar of Dibley** 8.05pm Harry meets Geraldine

7.10am The Two Ronnies 8.00 Miranda (AD) 8.35 The Two Ronnies 10.15 Still Open All Hours 10.55 Last of the Summer Wine 12.55pm The Green Green Grass 1.50 Keeping Up Appearances 2.30 Rock and Chips 3.50 Only Fools and Horses (AD) 5.25 Dad's Army: the men take on a rival platoon

**6.50pm Only Fools and Horses**Del and Rodney's Christmas is
disrupted by the arrival of their
estranged father. (AD)

**7.30 Dad's Army** Mainwaring organises a Christmas treat.

**8.05 The Vicar of Dibley 1/2** The vicar is swept off her feet by a handsome newcomer. (AD)

**9.15 Mrs Brown's Boys** The doting mother gets a new house guest – a homeless parrot. **10.05** Mrs Brown is curious about a parcel addressed to Cathy.

**10.40 Not Going Out** Lee invites Lucy and her parents to join him and Daisy to spend Christmas in a cosy old country house.

11.40 Live at the Apollo Nina Conti hosts the stand-up comedy show, with Tanyalee Davis, Hall Cruttenden and Josh Widdicombe. 12.40am The Vicar of Dibley (AD) 1.50 Mrs Brown's Boys: double bill 3.15–4.00am Not Going Out Cold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 BT 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

#### Sky Comedy

8.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
9.00 The Conners 10.00 The Fresh
Prince of Bel-Air 10.30 House of Lies
11.40 Entourage 12.50pm Vice
Principals (AD) 2.10 House of Lies
3.20 Entourage 4.30 The Fresh
Prince of Bel-Air 5.00 The Conners
6.00pm The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
7.00 Will & Grace (AD) 8.00 The Office
US: double bill. Dwight organises a
Pennsylvania Dutch-themed office
Christmas party, then Pam accidentally
brings lice into the office 9.00 New
Last Week Tonight with John Oliver
9.40 Veep (AD) 11.00 Last Week
Tonight with John Oliver 11.40 New
Real Time with Bill Maher
12.50am Sex and the City 2.00 Lewis

12.50am Sex and the City 2.00 Lewis Black: Black on Broadway 3.15 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 3.45–5.00am Vice Principals: double bill (AD)

**Sky Comedy Sky** 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **BT** 347/HD 362

#### **Comedy Central**

8.00am Most Ridiculous: Weather 8.35 Most Ridiculous: Talent Shows 9.00 Takeshi's Castle 10.00 Home Improvement 12 noon Last Man Standing 1.00pm The Middle (AD) 3.30 Friends (AD) 8.00 New. Most Ridiculous: double bill. Another batch of funny internet clips, including how not to cook an egg and some out-of-control ice skaters 9.00 Rhod Gilbert's Growing Pains: with Johnny Vegas, Aisling Bea and Eddie Kadi 10.00 Jack Whitehall Live 11.50 Russell Howard and Mum: Globetrotters 12.50am South Park: triple bill 2.20 Beavis and Butt-Head 3.05 The Funniest Adverts on the Planet 3.30 Guessable?

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 BT 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

#### Alibi



**Elementary** 7.00pm Holmes and Watson look for answers

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries 9.00 Rizzoli & Isles (AD) 10.00 Hudson & Rex (AD) 11.00 Without a Trace 12 noon Shakespeare and Hathaway: Private Investigators (AD) 1.00pm Father Brown (AD) 2.00 Murdoch Mysteries 4.00 Rizzoli & Isles (AD) 5.00 Hudson & Rex (AD)

**6.00pm Without a Trace 3/24**Series 5. The team investigates the disappearance of an emergency services operator.

**7.00 Elementary 13/24** Series 3 Sherlock investigates the murder of a debt collector who had made countless enemies.

**8.00 Father Brown 7/10** Series 2 A troubled young woman's father is killed three weeks after the death of her mother. (AD) **9.00 9/10** Series 10. A group of bikers causes outrage and excitement in equal measure. (AD)

**10.00 Death in Paradise 1/8**Series 4. When the owner of a rum distillery is murdered during a seance, evidence points to a ghost as the prime suspect. (AD)

**11.00 Rizzoli & Isles** *5/15 Series 3* A young woman's body is found in a back alley dumpster. (AD)

12 midnight Elementary 1.00am Hudson & Rex (AD) 2.00 CSI: Vegas (AD) 2.45–4.00am Murdoch Mysteries

**Alibi Sky** 109 (110 Wales) **Virgin HD** 114 **BT** 343/**HD** 358 **+1 Sky** 209 (210 Wales) **Virgin** 191

#### **Discovery**

6.00am Wheeler Dealers 7.00
Countdown to Collision 8.00 Gold
Rush: White Water 9.00 Gold Divers
10.00 Kindig Customs 11.00 Goblin
Works Garage 12 noon Salvage
Hunters 1.00pm Building off the Grid
3.00 Alaskan Bush People (AD) 4.00
Blowing Up History 5.00 Wheeler
Dealers (AD) 6.00 Salvage Hunters
7.00 Outback Truckers (AD) 8.00
Railroad Alaska 9.00 New. Wheeler
Dealers: Mike finds an Alfa Romeo GTV
with some fails, but he thinks Elvis can
sort it (AD) 10.00 New series. Street
Outlaws: Locals Only: in Kentucky,
Farmtruck and AZN pick eight local
racers to compete (AD) 11.00
Expedition Unknown 12 midnight
Moonshiners 1.00am Wheeler Dealers
(AD) 2.00 Street Outlaws: Locals Only
(AD) 3.00-5.00am Wheeler Dealers

**Discovery Sky** 125 (126 Scotland) **Virgin** 177 **BT** 320/**HD** 325 **+1 Sky** 225 (226 Scot) **Virgin** 377

#### Discovery History

6.00am Expedition Unknown 7.00
Nasa's Unexplained Files 8.00 Blowing
Up History (AD) 9.00 Ultimate Warfare
10.00 Salvage Hunters 11.00 Shed and
Buried 12 noon Combat Dealers (AD)
1.00pm Combat Dealers: Reloaded
2.00 Nasa's Unexplained Files 3.00
Salvage Hunters 4.00 Mysteries at the
Museum 5.00 Blowing Up History 6.00
Combat Dealers 7.00 Expedition
Unknown: Josh Gates travels to Central
America's jungles in search of the
legendary crystal skull 8.00 Ultimate
Warfare 9.00 Combat Dealers 10.00
Salvage Hunters 11.00 Shed and Buried
12 midnight How It's Made 1.00am
Combat Dealers: Reloaded 2.00
Salvage Hunters 3.00 Ultimate Warfare
4.00-5.00am Shed and Buried
Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181
+1 Sky 277 Virgin 381

Key (S) Subtitles (SL) Signing (AD) Audio description (HD) High definition (W) Widescreen

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#### Sky Documentaries



AKA Mr Chow 9.00pm The artist and restaurateur, M

**6.00am** The Movies **7.00** Discovering: Lee Marvin (AD) **8.00** The Directors **9.00** The Nineties **9.55** The Vow (AD) **11.00** Urban Secrets **12 noon** The Janes (AD) **2.00pm** Right to Fight **3.50** My Icon: Natasha Jonas (AD) **4.00** The Directors **5.00** Discovering: Lee Marvin: the life of the actor (AD)

6.00pm The Nineties A look at the decade's social issues.

6.55 The Vow A look at cult leader Keith Raniere. Two former leaders of his NXIVM sect discuss the mission of the group. (AD)

8.00 Love Has Won: the Cult **of Mother God** Exploring the life and death of Amy Carlson, the leader of Love Has Won, which has been described as a cult.

9.00 AKA Mr Chow The life and career of restaurateur Michael Chow, who found catharsis by returning to painting as the artist M.

#### 10.50 Man on Wire المتعقبة

Drama documentary that details the preparation for and execution of one of the most daring stunts of all time. English, French +subtitles. (W)

12.40am Look Away (AD) 2.30 Spring Awakening: Those You've Known (AD) **4.10** The Directors: John Sturges **5.05–6.00am** Discovering: Lee Marvin (AD)

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 BT 352/HD 367

#### Nat Geographic

8.00am Abandoned 9.00 Air Crash Investigation 10.00 Lost Treasures of Egypt 11.00 Drain the Oceans (AD) 12 noon Car SOS (AD) 1.00pm Ice Road Rescue 2.00 Air Crash Investigation (AD) 3.00 Nazi Megastructures (AD) 4.00 Drain the Oceans: Secrets of the Spanish Armada (AD) 5.00 Car SOS 6.00 Lost Treasures of Egypt 7.00 Air Crash Investigation: a plane crash that may have been caused by abusive behaviour **8.00 New**. Hitler's Last Stand: a non-combat adjutant ends up commanding on the front line (AD)

9.00 New. To Catch a Smuggler: a vast amount of hidden cash is found in Atlanta 10.00 Ice Road Rescue 11.00 Air Crash Investigation 12 midnight
Airport Security: Rome 1.00am Banged
Up Abroad 2.00 Food Factory USA
2.55-5.00am Food Factory

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

#### **Sky History**

**6.00am** Mountain Men **7.00** Forged in Fire **8.00** American Pickers **9.00** Fire 8.00 American Pickers 9.00
Pawn Stars 10.00 River Hunters 11.00
Strangest Things 12 noon Auction
Hunters 2.00pm Mountain Men 4.00
Ancient Egypt's Darkest Hour 5.00
Pawn Stars 6.00 American Pickers
7.00 Forged in Fire 8.00 Celts: the
Untold Story 9.00 New. Evil Genius
with Russell Kane: light-hearted debate
on drug lord Pablo Escobar 10.00 New
Scary Tales of New York: an outlandish
murder plot to kill Irish down-and-out
Michael Malloy. Last in series 11.15
Close Encounters Down Under: Close Encounters Down Under Melbourne's history of UFO sightings

12.15am Pawn Stars 1.10 Salvage Kings

2.10 Kennedy 3.05 Strangest Things

4.05–6.00am Auction Hunters

**Sky History Sky** 123 (124 Scotland) **Virgin** 131 **BT** 353/**HD** 368 **+1 Sky** 223 (224 Scot) **Virgin** 331

#### Sky Nature



Wild Workers 8.00pm How hedgehogs aid nature

6.00am Hope for Wildlife 7.00 Monkey Life **8.00** Mysteries of the Mekong **9.00** Rewilding **10.00** Living Beach 11.00 Extreme Africa 12 noon Brazil Untamed 1.00pm Monkey Life **2.00** Mysteries of the Mekong **3.00** Rewilding **4.00** Living Beach 5.00 Extreme Africa

6.00nm Brazil Untamed The wildlife of the Pantanal, the world's largest tropical wetland.

7.00 Monkey Life Alison is on a mission to rescue female chimp Kalu. 7.30 Baby guenon Biff thinks autumn leaves are a pile of fun.

8.00 Wild Workers Following the creatures that work to keep the planet in good shape. 8.30 A look at creatures including herds grazing the grasslands and insects keeping the soils fertile.

9.00 Untamed Valley The busy Luangwa River, a crucial crossing for elephants and a place for buffalo to guench their thirst

10.00 Brazil Untamed As 6pm. 11.00 Extreme Africa Exploring how life manages to exist in the continent's harshest habitats.

12 midnight Wildlife Icons 1.00am Monkey Life 2.00 Wild Workers 3.00 Untamed Valley 4.00 Mysteries of the Mekong 5.00–6.00am Rewilding

Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 BT 354/HD 369

#### Eden

9.00am The Architecture the Railways Built: nine back-to-back editions (AD) **6.00pm** The Architecture the Railways Built: six editions. Tim Dunn visits Mount Snowdon's summit station and Strasbourg's 19th-century station **7.00**Visiting the former HQ of London
Underground **8.00** Tim Dunn assesses the architecture of the Stockton and Darlington railway 9.00 Exploring Swindon's railway village and Milan's monumental station 10.00 Visiting Wemyss Bay Station in Inverciyde and Blackfriars station in central London
11.00 Tim Dunn follows his family's
roots by exploring Metroland, the area
around the Metropolitan Railway 12 midnight Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown 1.00am The Architecture the Railways Built (AD) 5.25–6.00am David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176

+1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

#### **Animal Planet**

8.00am Tanked 9.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 10.00 My Cat from Hell 11.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 12 noon Tanked 1.00pm Pit Bulls and Parolee 2.00 Legends of the Wild (AD) 4.00 My Cat from Hell 5.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia: a cat's injury shocks the staff (AD) **6.00** Tanked: the guys build a tank as a centrepiece for DJ Ashba's new retail venture **7.00** Pit Bulls and new retail venture **7.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees **8.00** Monster Croc Invasion (AD) **9.00** Urban Predator: Lion on the Losse **10.00** Alaska: Surviving the Last Frontier (AD) **11.00** Celebrity Animal Encounters: double bill **12 midnight** Tanked **1.00am** Alaska: Surviving the Last Frontier **2.00** My Cat from Hell **3.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **4.00–5.00am** Tanked

**Animal Planet Sky** 162 (178 NI) **Virgin** 178 **+1 Sky** 262 (278 NI) **Virgin** 378

### **SPORT**

#### **Sky Main Event**

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 BT 420/HD 440

**6.00am** Sky Sports News **7.00** Good Morning Sports Fans **10.00** The Football Show 11.30 Ref Watch: analysis 12 noon The Football Show 1.00pm Lunchtime Live 2.00 Sports Desk 5.00 Sky Sports News **10.30** Back Pages Tonight **11.00** Sky Sports News 1.00am LIVE NFL Jacksonville Jaguars v Cincinnati Bengals,

a week 13 game from EverBank Stadium (kick-off **1.15**). 4.30-6.00am Sky Sports News

#### Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 BT 422/HD 442

6.00am Classic Play-Off Finals 9.00 Scottish Premiership Round-Up 9.15 Scottish Premiership Highlights 9.30 EFL Greatest Games **10.00** Championship Retro: from 2010 **12 noon** Scottish Premiership Football: a full replay of St Johnstone v Celtic

2.00pm Championship Highlights

3.00 Scottish Premiership Round-Up 3.15 Championship Highlights **5.00** Scottish Premiership Round-Up **5.15** Scottish Premiership Highlights **5.30** Championship Highlights **8.00** Scottish Premiership Round-Up **8.15** Scottish Premiership Highlights 8.30 Championship Highlights
9.15 Scottish Premiership Round-Up
9.30 German Football: round-up 10.30 Deadline Day: Football's Transfer Window: documentary series (AD) 11.30 Scottish Premiership Round-Up 11.45 Scottish Premiership Highlights 12 midnight EFL Greatest Games 1.00am League Cup Retro (AD) 2.00 Classic Play-Off Finals 5.00-6.00am Championship Season Review: the 2021/22 campaign (AD)

#### Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 BT 424/HD 444 **6.00am** European Tour Golf: the final round of the South African Open **11.00** PGA Tour Golf: day four of the Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas **4.00pm** European Tour Golf: action from the Australian Open **5.00** The Life **5.30** Golf's Greatest Holes (AD) **6.00** European Tour Golf **7.00** PGA Tour Golf: day four of the Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas **8.00**European Tour Golf: highlights of the G4D Tour Series Finale Dubai **9.00** PGA Tour Golf 10.00 Furonean Tour Golf **11.00** The Life: Theegala **11.30** Golf's Greatest Holes (AD) 12 midnight PGA Tour Golf 1.00am

European Tour Golf **2.00** Playing Lessons (AD) **3.00** European Tour Golf **4.00–6.00am** PGA Tour Golf

#### **Eurosport 1**

Sky 413 Virgin 521 BT HD 412

6.00am Snooker 8.00 Biathlon 10.00 Supercross 11.00 Snooker **1.00pm** Cyclo-Cross **3.00** Curling **5.00** Hall of Fame: Atlanta 1996 6.00 Snooker: highlights of the UK Championship final at York Barbican **8.00** Alpine Skiing: World Cup from Beaver Creek, Colorado **10.00** Ski Jumping: World Cup **11.00** Snooker 1.00am Hall of Fame: Sydney 2000 2.00 Snooker 4.00-6.00am Cycling

#### **Eurosport 2**

**Sky** 414 **Virgin** 522 **BT** HD 413

6.00am Teqball 8.00 Cyclo-Cross 10.00 Alpine Skiing: World Cup 12 noon A Voyage of Discovery
1.00pm Triathlon 1.30 Hong Kong
Cyclothon 2.00 Snooker: the UK Championship **4.00** Supercross **6.00** Biathlon: World Cup **8.00** A Voyage of Discovery **9.00** Formula E: 2023 review **10.00** World Superbikes **11.00** Alpine Skiing: World Cup 12 midnight Cycling 2.00am Alpine Skiing 4.00–6.00am Biathlon



NFL 1.00am Sky NFL Travis Etienne has the power to drive the Jaguars to glory

#### Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 BT 421/HD 441

6.00am Premier League Greatest Games 7.00 Highlights: three games **10.00** The Football Show **11.30** Ref Watch **12 noon** The Football Show **1.00pm** Premier League Highlights 5.00 Premier League 100 Club (AD) **6.00** Premier League Legends (AD) **7.00** Premier League Review **8.00** Soccerbox: double bill **9.00** Premier League Review **10.00** Class of 92 11.00 Premier League Review 12 midnight Premier League Icons: double bill **1.00am** Premier League Years: the big stories of the 1996/97 season (AD) **3.00** Greatest Games **4.00** Premier League Best Goals (AD) **5.30–6.00am** 100 Club (AD)

#### Skv Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 BT 423/HD 443

**6.00am** Ashes Regained: Cook's Redemption **8.00** Ashes Cricket: the third Test from the 2023 series 12 noon Ashes Cricket: fourth Test 1.00pm Ashes Cricket: highlights of the fifth Test from the 2023 series 6.00 Ashes Bitesize: highlights from 2023 **8.15** Secrets of Success: Nasser Hussain talks to sporting leaders (AD) **10.30** Ashes Cricket: from 2023 **12.30am** Ashes Bitesize: highlights **2.45** Ashes Greats (AD) **3.00** Ashes Regained: Cook's Redemption 5.00-6.00am Ashes Memories (AD)

#### Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 BT 426/HD 446

6.00am Her Huddle 6.30 Jaguars Weekly UK 7.00 NFL Highlights 9.00 49 Hours 9.15 One Jets Drive 10.00 Highlights 12 noon Good Morning Football 3.00pm Highlights 4.00 NFL Bitesize 5.00 NFL Highlights **6.00** Pro-Football Talk **8.00** NFL Bitesize **9.00** NFL Review Show 10.00 Highlights 11.00 NFL Fantasy 12 midnight NFL Review Show 1.00am LIVE NFL Jacksonville Jaguars v Cincinnati Bengals, a week 13 game from EverBank Stadium (kick-off **1.15**).

**4.30** NFL Bitesize **5.00–6.00am** NFL Highlights

#### Sky Arena

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 BT 427/HD 447

**6.00am** Super League **8.00** Netball World Cup **10.00** Pool: Mosconi Cup 2.30pm Women's Super League **2.45** Super League **3.00** British Basketball League **5.30** Unbeatable **6.00** World Darts: Michael Smith v Peter Wright in the 2022 final from Alexandra Palace **9.00** Boxing: Janibek Alimkhanuly v Vincenzo Gualtieri **10.00** Boxing: Mikael Lawal v Isaac Chamberlain **11.00** Boxing: Efe Ajagba v Joe Goodall

**12 midnight** British Basketball League: Leicester Riders v London Lions 2.30am Unheatable: BBI magazine 3.00 Australian Rugby League 5.00–6.00am Rugby League

### **TNT Sports 1**

Sky 410 Virgin 527 BT 408/HD 430

5.45am LIVE International **T20 Cricket** Pakistan v Afghanistan, Deaf World Cup; **9.45** Sri Lanka v Bangladesh in the Deaf World Cup.

1.45pm LIVE Abu Dhabi T10 Cricket New York Strikers v Delhi Bulls from Abu Dhabi; **4.15** Bangla Tigers v Team Abu Dhabi from the UAE. 6.45 Sign Up: into Football

7.30 LIVE Italian Football Torino v Atalanta, coverage of the Serie A match at Stadio Olimpico Grande Torino (kick-off **7.45**).

9.45 Premier League Review (AD)
10.45 Europa League Goals Reload
11.00 Wrestling: WWE action (AD)
1.00am LIVE Wrestling WWE

Monday Night Raw featuring the likes of Seth Rollins, Rhea Ripley, Drew McIntyre and Cody Rhodes. 4.15 What Went Down (AD) 4.45 Ariel Helwani Meets (AD)

5.00-6.00am French Football

#### TNT Sports 2

Sky 411 Virgin 528 BT 409/HD 431 6.00am Premier League Review (AD)
7.00 Wrestling: WWE action (AD)
8.00 Premier League Football
9.30 Premier League Stories
10.00 Boxing: Noakes v Perez 12 noon International One-Day Cricket: West Indies v England **1.00pm** TNT Sports Reload **5.30** NBA on Fire

**6.00** MotoGP Rewind **6.15** Motor Racing **8.15** The Rugby Review **9.00** Fishing: on the Bank (AD) **10.00** TNT Sports Goals Reload **10.30** The ootball's On 11.30 NBA on Fire

12 midnight-6.30am LIVE NBA
The NBA In-Season Tournament,
coverage of the first quarter-final;
2.30am The NBA In-Season Tournament, second quarter-final.

#### TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 BT 410/HD 432

6.00am Italian Football: highlights of nine weekend matches in Serie A

3.00pm French Football: highlights **4.00** International T20 Cricket **6.00** International One-Day Cricket: West Indies v England from Antiqua 7.00 Premier League: Big Interview 8.30 French Football: highlights 9.30 International One-Day Cricket **10.30** International T20 Cricket: India v Australia from Bangalore 11.30 LIVE International T20 Cricket New Zealand v Pakistan,

coverage of the second T20 in the women's three-match series at the University of Otago Oval. 3.45am TNT Sports Cricket Reload 4.00 TNT Sports Goals Reload **4.45–5.45am** International T20 Cricket: India v Australia

### **TNT Sports 4**

Sky 421 Virgin 530 BT 411/HD 434

**6.00am** Premiership Rugby Union: highlights of five weekend matches **11.00** Premiership Women's Rugby Union: Leicester v Loughborough

12 noon Champions League Goals Reload 12.15pm Europa League Goals Reload 12.30 Champions League Football 2.30 NBA on Fire **3.00** Premiership Rugby Union: highlights of five weekend games 8.00 Premiership Women's Rugby Union: Leicester v Loughborough **9.00** UFC: Dariush v Tsarukyan 12 midnight UFC: the Ultimate Fighter: four editions 4.00am World Rally (AD) 5.00–6.00am Squash

#### Viaplay Sports

**7.30–10.30pm LIVE Spanish Football** Celta Vigo v Cádiz, a La Liga match at Estadio Municipal de Balaídos (kick-off **8.00**).

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Quentin Blake's Box of Treasures 6.00pm cbbc Catch up via iPlayer

NEW SERIES

His drawings in more than 500 books are instantly recognisable, and that same style – willowy, wide-eyed people and lovely pencilly backgrounds – feels like an old friend in these new animations. Tomorrow's episode (also at 6pm CBBC), based on

Quentin Blake's 1969 book *Jack and Nancy*, is about siblings who live at the seaside and listen in awe to sailors' tales of monkeys and mangoes in faraway lands. But then a stormy day, coupled with a battered family heirloom, sends them on their own colourful and exotic adventure. It's a refreshing break from the modern world for little ones and will make grown-ups feel young again.

But beginning the series tonight, for those who like their characters naughty, noisy and messy, we have *Zagazoo*, from a 1998 Blake story. This one concerns the very special delivery to a loving couple. Once again, it works on more than one level. It's enjoyably chaotic for kids, and a clever, ultimately moving metaphor for adults.

Both are full of sweet touches, a sprightly score from Stefano Cabrera and mischievous narration from Adrian Lester. In *Zagazoo* terms, they're "perfect". MARK BRAXTON

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#### **SPORT**

### **Match of the Day Live**

7.30pm (kick-off 7.45pm) **BBC1** (BBC2 in Wales) Catch up: iPlayer Very few international football matches get fans going like a bloodand-thunder duel between **Scotland** and **England** at Hampden Park. The Lionesses head north of the border today for a Women's Nations League match with extra spice as the old rivals collide once again.

England remain undefeated by Scotland in more than a decade, with the most recent showdown between the two sides coming in September. Lucy Bronze and Lauren Hemp netted in a 2–1 victory for Sarina Wiegman's team in front of 42,000 fans at the Stadium of Light in Sunderland. Supporters will hope for a similarly positive result to wrap up their Nations League campaign with a flourish. MICHAEL POTTS

#### **INTERVIEW**

### Louis Theroux Interviews Chelsea Manning

9.00pm (9.15pm N Ireland; 11.15pm Wales) **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer No one does icebreakers like Louis Theroux. On sitting down with Chelsea Manning, the US military data analyst who served seven years after uploading 750,000 records onto WikiLeaks, he asks her about her musical tastes and sideline in DJ-ing.

It's another fascinating head-to-head, as Theroux probes Manning about her childhood, military career and gradual disillusionment, as well as her mental health struggles and transition behind bars (her birth name was Bradley). She parries defiantly over relationships and Julian Assange, and Theroux is left pondering what he might have learnt had he conducted the interview on a rollercoaster. GABRIEL TATE

#### **DRAMA**

### The Couple Next Door

9.00pm **C4** 

Catch up via C4 streaming
"It's how this works I'm afraid," growls
Danny (Sam Heughan) as he knocks
back Evie (Eleanor Tomlinson). She's
eager for another look at what's
underneath that biker jacket, while
Pete (Alfred Enoch) is in turmoil –
and sitting in the next room.

Instead of perking things up between Evie and Pete, this sexcapade may be the penultimate nail in their relationship's coffin – the final one being what Pete discovers at the end of this episode.

Before that, though, Becka (Jessica De Gouw) is distraught at what she's found online, and Danny and Gary have more not-so-secret rendezvous and get bolder in their risky-but-nondescript subplot.

FRANCES TAYLOR

#### **DOCUMENTARY**

## Hunting the Rolex Rippers

9.00pm **BBC3** Catch up via iPlayer Expensive watch theft is the subject of this tabloid-titled documentary. Reporter Tir Dhondy, unflustered and firm, meets some of those responsible for stealing timepieces worth tens of thousands from people's wrists, largely in wealthy parts of London (the capital makes up 50% of the UK's total number of stolen watches).

Meeting Dhondy in back alleys and in darkness, criminals with masked faces and voices detail who they target and why. It's dangerous and sobering but has become a way of life for many of those who have slipped through society's cracks. It's a sophisticated network, and one that nets each person £5,000 for a Rolex. "Can't complain for an hour's work," says one man, offhandedly. **FT** 

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#### **ALSO ON TODAY**

#### Portillo's Andalucia

9.00pm **Channel 5** In Cádiz, Michael Portillo takes part in a training exercise on a ship, and samples some of the city's classic tapas.

#### **Kennedy**

9.00pm **Sky History** A look at John F Kennedy's military career during the Second World War, when the navy was deployed to the Pacific.



### The Doll Factory

10.00pm **Channel 5**A doll painter's destiny is transformed when she meets a taxidermist and a Pre-Raphaelite painter. Starring Esmé Creed-Miles (left).

#### **ARTS**

#### **Wonderland: Gothic**

9.00pm **Sky Arts** Catch up via Now Adrian Munsey's atmospheric exploration of all things gothic continues to enchant. This episode investigates the genre's expression of outsiderdom, otherness and blackness, ranging from Ralph Ellison's novel Invisible Man to Stieg Larsson's The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo. The literary lives of Stephen King, Anne Rice and Hilary Mantel also come in for fascinating examination. An eclectic, at times poignant hour ends on a romp through gothic film, taking in James Whale, Hammer, Guillermo del Toro, Tim Burton and Jordan Peele. It even hails the emergence of a surprising sub-genre: "Trump Gothic", an artistic reaction to the recent political climate. Dark days indeed. MICHAEL HOGAN

**SHELL SHOCK** 

at the National

Marine Aquarium

Xav tends to injured turtle Heidi

#### **HISTORY**

#### Berlin 1933

9.05pm **BBC4** Catch up via iPlayer "We'll just wait and see for now," wrote Betty Scholem in her March 1933 diary after noting that she'd not seen Jewish people being harassed in Berlin. She was one of many Germans averting their eyes from the Nazis' increasing persecution of Jews, Communists and trade unionists.

This superb series, melding evocative black-and-white footage with diary entries and letters, shows how, by early May, trade union staff had been arrested, Jewish businesses boycotted, libraries purged of Jewish authors and non-Aryan civil servants sacked. Joseph Goebbels, as Minister of Public Enlightenment and Propaganda, was doing his job of manipulating the media horribly well.

#### **DRAMA**

#### Kin

10.40pm, 11.30pm (11.10pm, 12 midnight in N Ireland and Scotland) **BBC1** All episodes on iPlayer now



Stealing £50 million of the Cunninghams' drugs might have seemed a smart move, but the

Kinsellas are paying the price.
Nowhere in Dublin is safe for the family: Frank has narrowly missed being shot, the kids are being threatened daily, and the Garda are all over their criminal activities. While the men flex their muscles, Amanda Kinsella (Clare Dunne) uses her brain. "We need to end this... by chopping the head off the snake!" she says in this cracking conclusion, which includes a menacing performance from Francis Magee as Frank's brother. A second series has been commissioned. JR

### DOCUMENTARY

### **Secrets of the Aquarium**

8.00pm (8.15pm N Ireland; not Wales) **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer Second only to diving into the tanks which the staff do tonight because the life-size replica of a seaplane in the Atlantic Ocean tank is disintegrating and could be dangerous to the sea creatures – the wettest job at Plymouth's aquarium is feeding the southern stingrays. They splash energetically whenever food is around, while one of them has a habit of spitting water with alarming accuracy. In contrast Heidi, the injured turtle recently brought over from the Maldives, is suspiciously quiet and curator Marcus is so concerned that he calls the vet.

We also meet two 86-year-olds, volunteer Jill and her husband Ray, who is the oldest diver in Britain.

They're a remarkable couple who love everything fishy – although Jill is so knowledgeable about one species, they call her "the eagle ray whisperer". JR

### **LIVE SPORT**



#### Football: Premier League Luton Town v Arsenal

k/o 8.15pm Amazon Prime
Luton are still adjusting to life in
the Premier League; goals from
Elijah Adebayo (above) are helping.

#### Netball Internationals England v South Africa

7pm (centre-pass 7pm) **Sky Sports Main Event** First in a three-match series.

#### Basketball: EuroCup Umana Reyer Venice v London Lions

6.45 (tip-off 7pm) TNT Sports 1

## Football: Women's Nations League

See choice on page 70.

# FILM OF THE DAY



#### The Wicker Man ★★★★ 恒

10.00pm **BBC4** 

Devoutly Christian policeman Edward Woodward has his faith put to the test by Christopher Lee (above) and the bizarre goings-on on a remote Hebridean island in the original cut of this disturbing British horror classic, released 50 years ago this week. (1973)

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# **TUESDAY Main Channels**

#### **DAYTIME**

#### BBC1

**6.00am Breakfast** Tina Daheley, Jon Kay. (S) (HD) 9.15 Morning Live at Christmas Daily magazine hosted by Michelle Ackerley and Gethin Jones. (S) (HD) 10.00 Defenders: Busting the Bad Guvs Efforts to

catch a fraudster who lied to get a job as a captain with one of the UK's largest airlines. (R) (S) (HD)

10.45 Claimed and Shamed A man is jailed for faking life insurance in his dead sibling's name. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

11.15 Homes under the Hammer Properties in Lowestoff, North Shields and Buckhall, (s) (HD)

12.15pm Bargain Hunt Charlie Ross is joined by Mark Stacey and Stephanie Connell in Southwell. (R) (S) (HD)

1.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 1.45 Doctors Suni forgets Scarlett's birthday. (S) (AD) (HD) 2.15 The Bidding Room Nigel Havers hosts as five

dealers battle over an arcade machine. (R) (S) (HD) 3.00 Escape to the Country A couple search for a new home on the border of Bedfordshire. (S) (HD)

**3.45 Antiques Road Trip** Natasha Raskin Sharp finds a Georgian caricature and Ishy Khan buys a Victorian love heart watch key, Repeated tomorrow 6.30am BBC2 (S) (HD)

4.30-5.15 Make It at Market With furniture maker Martin from Shropshire and stained-glass artist Charlotte from Bristol. Rptd tomorrow 7.15am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

6.30am Antiques Road Trip Shown Mon 3.45pm BBC1 (S) (HD) 7.15 Make It at Market Shown Mon 4.30pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD) 8.00-9.00 Sign Zone 8.00 Expert Witness A forensic archaeologist helps catch the killer of a woman. (R) (S) (HD) 8.30 Robson Green's Weekend Escapes The actor and Si King travel to Chillingham in Northumberland. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 9.00 Nicky Campbell Calls on the day's talking points. Simulcast with Radio 5 Live. (S) (HD)

10.00 BBC News (S) (HD)

12.15pm Politics Live Stories from Westminster. (S) (HD) **1.00 Impossible Celebrities** The Rev Richard Coles and Pussycat Doll Kimberly Wyatt compete. (R) (S) (HD) **1.45 The Boss** Quiz hosted by Susan Calman. (R) (S) (HD) 2.30 The Best Christmas Food Ever Paul Ainsworth and Catherine Fulvio are joined by actor Christopher Biggins as they share culinary secrets. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 3.15 This Farming Life In the Highlands, Lynn and Sandra take delivery of a batch of hens. (R) (S) (HD) 4.15-5.15 The Great British Winter Ellie Harrison travels to the Lake District. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD) **9.00 Lorraine** Guests, gossip and more. (S) (HD) **10.00 This Morning** Celebrity interviews, fashion and lifestyle advice. Including Regional Weather (S) (HD) **12.30pm Loose Women** Forthright opinions. (S) (HD) 1.30 ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David Dickinson and his team of dealers head for Barry in south Wales, where Simon Schneider makes a generous offer for a vase that was bought in a charity shop for 50p. (S) (AD) (HD) 3.00-4.00 Lingo Nick and Tina, Aaron and Gabriel, and Anna and Ollie fight it out in the battle of words.

#### Channel 4

6.05am Countdown The Rev Richard Coles joins Susie Dent in Dictionary Corner. (R) (S) (HD)

Adil Ray hosts. (R) (S) (HD) Followed by Regional Weather

6.45 3rd Rock from the Sun Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 8.25 Frasier Triple bill of the US sitcom. (R) (S) (AD)

9.55 Find It, Fix It, Flog It Henry Cole and Simon O'Brien explore a fairground, collecting a bicycle made for two, a search lamp and a lambing chair. (R) (S) (HD) 10.55 The Great House Giveaway From the town of

Kirkham in Lancashire. (R) (S) (HD) 11.55 News (S) (HD) 12 noon Steph's Packed Lunch Magazine show. (S) (HD)

2.10pm Countdown Bob Harris guests. (S) (HD)

3.00-5.00 A Place in the Sun Newlyweds Des and Julie look for a home in Oliva, Valencia (R) (S) (HD) **4.00** Lee Juggurnauth helps Chris and Helen, who have a budget of £350,000 for a holiday home in the eastern Peloponnese, Greece. Repeated 7pm 4seven (S) (HD)

### BBC<sub>1</sub>

Kin 10.40pm Crime of passion: Amanda (Clare Dunne) and Michael (Charlie Cox) are brought closer together



#### 5.15pm Pointless

Quiz in which contestants must give the least obvious correct answers to questions. Presented by Alexander Armstrong, with co-host Richard Osman. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 Regional news magazines (S) (HD)

#### 7.00 The One Show

With Jermaine Jenas and Alex Jones. (S) (HD)

### 7.30 Match of the Day Live

Scotland v England
Eilidh Barbour introduces coverage of both sides' final Women's Nations League Group A1 game, held at Hampden Park in Glasgow (kick-off 7.45).

World Cup runners-up England went into their last two games needing six points to give themselves a chance of winning the group and qualifying for the semi-finals in February. Pedro Martínez Losa's Scotland were still without a victory going into their last two fixtures, and also must win their remaining games to have any hope of avoiding automatic relegation from the new competition's top tier.

Goals from Lucy Bronze and Lauren Hemp in the reverse fixture got Sarina Wiegman's Lionesses off to a winning start in September, as they survived a nervy second-half at Sunderland's Stadium of Light to win 2-1 after Kirsty Hanson halved the deficit on the stroke of half-time. See page 70. (S) (HD)

#### 10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 10.40 Kin

7/8 Series 1. Frank visits his brother Bren in jail and remembers why he is not a man to be trifled with. Danger lurks around every corner, and Amanda decides to hire her own lawyer. (S) (AD) (HD) 11.30 8/8. Eamon and Amanda meet to discuss a way to end the war, but the proposal does not go over well with her. Jimmy and Michael meet at the crossroads, and the family gathers for Jamie's memorial service. The whole series is on iPlayer. **See p71.** (S) (AD) (HD)

Nikita Murphy Amanda Kinsella Frank Kinsella Michael Kinsella Eric "Viking" Kinsella Jimmy Kinsella Bren Kinsella

Emmett J Scanlan Con Dovle

Ciarán Hinds Yasmin Seky Clare Dunne Aidan Gillen Emon Cunningham Bridget "Birdy" Goggins Maria Doyle Kennedy

Charlie Cox Sam Keeley Anna Ryan Lincoln Hannah Adeogun Keith McErlean Francis Magee Monica Butler Kate Stanley Brennan

12.20am Charlotte in Sunderland 7/10 Series 2 wardrobe malfunction on the red carpet brings up some unresolved insecurities and Charlotte is rushed into hospital. Jake takes Lauren for some secret shopping. (S) (HD) 12.50 8/10. After 18 months of hell, Letitia gets the cancer all-clear. Alba is invited to her first film premiere and i of honour at her first birthday party. A box set is on iPlayer. Both episodes shown last Wednesday BBC3 (S) (HD) 1.20 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

1.25-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

### Match of the Day Live



England in Glasgow, Wales women's v Germany in Swansea (iPlayer at 6pm) and Northern Ireland v Republic of Ireland in LEAGUE Belfast (iPlayer, 5.45pm).

BBC1 Freeview 1/HD 101 Freesat 101 Sky 101 Virgin 101

### BBC2

#### Louis Theroux Interviews...

9.00pm Chelsea Manning explains why she revealed classified data



#### 5.15pm Flog It!

At Blackpool Tower, items include an assortment of watches and a collection of military medals. (R) (S) (HD)

#### 6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games

Malorie Blackman, Matt Dawson, Chris McCausland and Ranvir Singh test their general knowledge skills. Director John Smith; Exec producers Tamara Gilder, Breid McLoone (S) (HD)

#### 6.30 Strictly It Takes Two

Fleur East presents a review of the performances from musicals week in Choreography Corner. (S) (HD)

#### 7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip

Liverpudlian actors Tricia Penrose and Dean Sullivan compete to find the best bargains in their home city, joined by experts Ishy Khan and Roo Irvine. With an allowance of £400 each they purchase tricycles, tea sets, gents' accessories and ancient Roman glass to sell at auction in Bolton. Next episode tomorrow 7pm. Series producer Paul Tasker; Executive producers John Redshaw and Joe Sharp, Repeated Thursday 12 midnight (S) (HD) RT TRAVEL See André Rieu performing live in Liverpool on a

four-day city break that also includes a trip on the Mersey Ferry; p135

#### 8.00 Secrets of the Aquarium

4/6. At the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth, Ian has to carry out repairs on a replica of a historic bi-plane that lies ten metres underwater in the Atlantic Tank, the deepest of its kind in the UK. Elsewhere, there's a surprise for the aquarium's longest-serving volunteer, Jill – known as the "ray whisperer", Will has to move the lionfish to clean out the system, while Heidi the turtle needs a CT scan. Narrated by Joanna Scanlan. See page 71. Series producer Sue Doody; Executive producer Tim Green Repeated Friday 12.05am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 Louis Theroux Interviews...

5/6 Series 2. Chelsea Manning. Travelling between New York City and Madrid, Louis gets to spend time with one of America's most polarising figures, the Iraq war whistle-blower, activist and data security expert Chelsea Manning. In 2010 she released the largest set of classified documents in US history, resulting in a 35-year prison sentence, commuted to seven years. Branded a traitor by some and a hero by others, Manning reveals what drove her to risk everything to make the information public, as well as the enormous impact it has had on her life since. She also talks about her difficult childhood in rural Oklahoma. The first series is on iPlayer. See page 70. Director Rachel Lob-Levyt; Producer Adam Hagerty Repeated Thursday 11.15pm (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.45 Live at the Apollo

5/7. Emmanuel Sonubi hosts the comedy show filmed at Hammersmith Apollo in west London, introducing stand-up routines by Troy Hawke and Olga Koch.

10.30 Newsnight With Kirsty Wark. (S) (HD)

11.10 Weather (S) (HD)

#### 11.15 Julius Caesar: the Making of a **Dictator**

2/3. Veni Vidi Vici. Exploring how Caesar made an uneasy alliance with Pompey and Crassus. Narrated by Janet McTeer. See choice, page 60. Shown yesterday 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15-3.40am Sign Zone 12.15 Liz Bonnin's Wild Caribbean 3/4. Visiting the biodiverse landscapes of the volcanic islands of the Lesser Antilles. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) Volcanic Islands of the Lesser Antilies. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.15 Doctor Who The Doctor and Donna face the fight of their lives. See choice, p40. Shown Sat 6.30pm BBCI (S) (AD) (HD)

2.10 Animal Park A hippo leaves the park. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.55 Louis Theroux Interviews... Raye 4/6 Series 2. Louis spends time with the singer/songwriter at her home, in the recording studio and at Glastonbury. Shown last Tue (S) (AD) (HD)

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### ITV1

**Emmerdale** 

7.30pm Tracy has to mask her guilt when Nate gets home and offers her a compliment



#### 4.00pm Deal or No Deal

Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show where the contestants open boxes that could contain anything from 1p to £100,000, but will they be tempted by a lucrative offer from the Banker? Signed repeat 3.30am (S) (HD)

#### 5.00 The Chase

Bradley Walsh hosts as contestants Matt, Beth, Suzanne and Dave take on one of the ruthless Chasers in an attempt to bank the contents of a prize pot worth thousands of pounds. (S) (HD)

6.00 Regional News Weather (S) (HD)

#### 6.30 ITV Evening News Weather (S) (HD) 7.30 Emmerdale

Rhona's behaviour raises suspicion and she crumbles under Marlon's questioning. Tracv is left feeling guilty when Nate gets home. Writer Zeli Zulu Cast Thursday/Friday (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 8.00 The Martin Lewis Money Show Live

The financial wizard is joined by co-presenter Jeanette Kwakye to offer more priceless tips for dealing with the soaring cost of living. He also explains how to reclaim cash you might be owed from your council tax, utilities bill or tax code, which could result in a tidy windfall. Executive producer Mike Blair Series editor Clare Miller (S) (HD)

#### 9.00 I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!

Hunger and homesickness continue to rise in the outback, and it's getting harder to decide whether it's the celebrities or the Bushtucker Trials that are more red in the tooth and claw. But the campmates must hold their nerve and steel themselves for more frightful challenges. Ant and Dec rummage through the best bits from another eventful 24 hours in the jungle. Repeated tomorrow 12 noon and 5pm ITV2 (S) (HD)

#### **10.30 ITV News**

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

#### 11.15 Knight and Day ★★★

Action adventure starring Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz. A chance encounter at an airport with spy Roy Miller embroils mechanic June Havens in a frantic and life-threatening chase across the globe. But can June really trust this man of mystery, especially given his penchant for rendering her unconscious when trouble rears its head? Review page 77.

Rov Miller June Havens Fitzgerald April Havens Simon Feck Rodney

Tom Cruise Director George Cameron Diaz Antonio
Peter Sarsgaard Bernhard Maggie Grace Braces Paul Dano Frank Jenkins

Jordi Mollà Falk Hentschel Lennie Loftin Dale Dve Marc Blucas Molly Celia Weston

Viola Davis

Director James Mangold (2010, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

#### 1.05am Home Shopping (HD)

3.00 On Assignment The current affairs series sees how three countries are dealing with climate change. Sangita Lal visits Iceland to see how a new technique is being used to remove greenhouse gases. Chris Choi examines Denmark's eco-villages, and Stacey Foster

searmines Definition is eco-villages, and stately roster finds out how Swedish seawed could help the fight. Shown last Tuesday (S) (SL) (HD)

3.30 Deal or No Deal Stephen Mulhern introduces the big-money game show. Shown 4pm (S) (SL) (HD)

4.20 Unwind A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD)

5.35-6.00am Gino's Italian Express 3/8. Gino D'Acampo visits the Cinque Terre – five towns which are only accessible by boat or train. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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### **Channel 4**

The Couple Next **Door** 9.00pm Virtual insanity: Becka faces repercussions from a blog post



4 7 in Wales

#### 5.00pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas

A handmade gift competition, and how to make a screen-printed shopping bag. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 6.00 Four in a Bed

At the Shuckburgh Arms in Northamptonshire, the guests are amazed by the converted barns but not everyone sleeps soundly. (R) (S) (HD)

#### 6.30 The Simpsons

Warrin' Priests 2/2. Reverend Lovejoy discovers the real reason Bode came to Springfield, and it remains to be seen if the congregation will continue to accept him. First shown on Sky Showcase (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

7.55 The Political Slot The Conservative Party's plans to improve flood defences. (S) (HD)

#### 8.00 The Great Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer

Noel Fielding and Matt Lucas welcome comedian Ruby Wax, singing coach Gareth Malone, presenter Laura Whitmore and social media star Yung Filly to the tent. The quartet must produce fruit turnovers and a chocolate fondant ahead of a meringue showstopper recreating an embarrassing moment. Prue Leith and Paul Hollywood are on hand to decide who deserves to be Star Baker. Director Ivan Youlden; Series producer Lucy Terrell Repeated Wednesday 8pm 4seven (Revised rpt) (S) (HD)

#### 9.00 The Couple Next Door

4/6. Pete is struggling to deal with the events of the spa weekend, while Evie is determined to make sure her secret stays hidden. Meanwhile, Becka deals with the fallout from the blog post, while Danny is given an ultimatum. See page 70. Writer David Allison; Producer Jen Burnet; Director Dries Vos Cast Monday (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 24 Hours in Police Custody

The inside story of an armed siege in a Bedford tower block, which began in the early hours of an otherwise guiet Sunday morning when two men blockaded themselves inside a flat. As one of the men starts posting live on social media, armed officers from Bedfordshire Police are soon surrounding the building. Superintendent Steve Ashdown is operation lead, and cameras follow every twist and turn. See choice, p51. Shown Sunday 9pm (S) (HD)

#### 11.40 Killed by a Rich Kid

In 2019, Yousef Makki, a 17-year-old boy who had won a bursary to one of Manchester's top private schools, was stabbed to death by a friend. This forensic look at the incident, the ensuing trial and the inquest into his death examines sources including police and CCTV footage, and offers an insight into his family's experience of the British justice system. Director Tom Reeves; Exec producer Fran Baker (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.10am Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back A visit to a family-run Italian diner in New York. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **2.00 First Dates Hotel** Laker from Wales is looking for someone with a specific set of skills. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **2.55 The Last Leg** *Ep 4***.** With guests Harry Hill, Chris Packham and Oti Mabuse. Shown last Friday (S) (SL) (HD) **3.50 The Great Pottery Throw Down** The three finalists are asked to create a pyramid-vase centrepiece and a daring sgraffito globe. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **4.55** Couples Come Dine with Me Fresh healthy food and an Asian taste journey feature in Stockport. (R) (S) (HD) 5.50-6.05am Kirstie's Handmade Christmas Kirstie Allsopp makes a doll's house, (R) (S) (HD)

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### BBC4

9 24 in Scotland

Berlin 1933 9.05pm A look at

how Adolf Hitler took control of Germany's media outlets



#### 7.00pm Great British Railway Journeys

Taunton to Salisbury Plain. Michael Portillo finds out how willow farmers sought to overcome the challenge from synthetic plastic production. Continues tomorrow 7pm. Repeated 12.35am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 7.30 Walking with Kate Garraway

Kate walks through the Cotswolds and describes the joy and solace that nature brings as she takes in the views of Gloucestershire. More tomorrow 7.30pm. Director/Series producer Cv Chadwick Repeated 1.05am (R) (S) (HD)

#### 8.00 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em

6/6 Series 3. Australia House The Spencers want to emigrate. First shown in 1978. A box set is on iPlayer. Writer Raymond Allen Producer Sydney Lotterby (R) (S) (HD)

#### 8.35 Yes Minister

4/8 Series 3. The Moral Dimension Hacker's wife leaves him vulnerable to accusations of corruption. Originally broadcast in December 1982. Writers Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn Director Peter Whitmore (R) (S) (HD)

#### 9.05 Berlin 1933

2/3. Adolf Hitler pushes to consolidate power after being appointed as Reich Chancellor, flooding the media with propaganda as well as purging government ministries. As a result, thousands of his opponents are imprisoned or disappear and the Jewish community is heavily targeted. The whole series is on iPlayer. See p71. Repeated 1.35am (S) (HD)

#### 10.00 The Wicker Man ★★★★

Classic horror. When a policeman receives an anonymous letter suggesting that a girl has mysteriously disappeared from a small island community, he sets out to investigate. On his arrival, the villagers deny any knowledge of the girl, and he soon discovers that life on the island is not all that it seems. Available on iPlayer for 30 days. Film of the Day: page 77. Sergeant Neil Howie Lord Summerisle Christopher Lee Miss Rose Britt Ekland Willow MacGregor Ingrid Pitt Director Robin Hardy (1973, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

#### 11.30 Ex-S: The Wicker Man

The making of cult horror film The Wicker Man. First broadcast in 1998. Repeated Thursday 12.50am (R) (S) (HD)

12 midnight Peter Shaffer: Arena Peter Shaffer talks about his plays, his life and the theatre. Broadcast in 1976. (R) (S) (HD) 12.35am Great British Railway Journeys hown 7pm (S) (AD) (HD)

1.05 Walking with Kate Garraway Shown 7.30pm (S) (HD) **1.35 Berlin 1933** Shown 9.05pm (S) (HD)

2.25-3.40am Antony Gormley: How Art **Began** The earliest examples of art. Shown yesterday 11.30pm (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC4 F'view 9/HD 106 F'sat 108 Skv 116 Virgin 108

#### BBC<sub>1</sub> **SCOTLAND**

7.00-7.30pm River City **10.40** The Scotts **11.10** Kin: double bill 12.50–1.50am Charlotte in Sunderland 150 Weather 1.55-6.00 BBC News

#### **BBC SCOTLAND**

7.00pm Who Lives in Scotland? 8.00 Amazing Hotels: Life beyond the Lobby 9.00 The Nine 10.00 David Wilson's Crime Files: Scams and Scandals **10.30** Paramedics on Scene 11.30-12 midnight Darren McGarvev's Scotland: rural life

#### STV

**11.10pm** Scotland Tonight **11.35** Grand Slammers: inside HMP The Mount 1.00-3.00am Night Vision: news **4.20-5.35**Night Vision: news

#### **ITV1 BORDER SCOTLAND**

**11.15pm** Representing Border **11.45** The Chase 12.40-1.05am Heathrow: Britain's **Busiest Airport** 

#### **BBC1 WALES**

**7.30pm** Match of the Day Wales Live: the second half of Wales v Germany, Women's Nations League 8.45 Weatherman Walking **9.00** Kiri's TV Flashback **9.30–10.00** Would I Lie to You?

#### **BBC2 WALES**

1.00pm The Boss **1.45** First Minister's Questions **2.45** The Best Christmas Food Ever **3.30** This Farming Life **4.30** The Great British Winter **5.30** Flog It! **6.00** Match of the Day Wales Live **7.30** Match of the Day Live 10.00-10.30 Strictly It Takes Two
11.15 Louis Theroux Interviews 12 midnight-12.15am

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#### **ITV1 WALES**

11.15pm Sharp End **12.15am** Heathrow: Britain's Busiest Airport **12.40–1.05** Face to Face

#### **BBC1 NI**

**10.40pm** Spotlight **11.10** Kin: double bill **12.50am** Charlotte in Sunderland: double bill 1.50-6.00 BBC News

#### **BBC2 NI**

**5.15pm** Paula McIntyre's Hamely Kitchen **5.45** Women's Nations League: Northern Ireland v Republic of Ireland (kick-off 6.00) **8.15** Secrets of the Aquarium **9.15** Louis Theroux Interviews...
10.00–10.30 Upstart Crow **11.15** Live at the Apollo **12.05–12.15am** Barra on the Foyle

Channel 5 listings are overleaf

# TUESDAY Freeview

#### **Channel 5**





The Doll Factory 10.00pm Iris's (Esmé Creed-Miles) life is about to change

5.40am Milkshake! See page 76 9.15 Jeremy Vine (S) (HD) 11.15 Storm Huntley (S) (HD) 12.30pm Alexis Conran (S) (HD) 1.25 5 News (S) (HD)

1.30 Candy Coated Christmas ★★ Romantic comedy. Molly is forced to sell her late mother's property, but has to stay there with its present tenants. Director Ellie Kanner (2021) (S) (W) (HD)

.15 A Wish for Christmas ★★ Romance. After Cara's daughter Megan makes a Christmas wish to help her mother find love, her request soon goes viral. Director Jim Cliffe (2023) (S) (W) (HD)

5.00pm 5 News (S) (HD)

6.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly

2/6 Series 1. Graeme Hall attempts to transform a stroppy basset hound into an acquiescent pet. (R) (S) (HD)

6.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

7.00 Shoplifters: Caught Red Handed **Ep 9.** Security guards encounter a man who may be in possession of a weapon and track another who has stolen from a

**7.55 5 News Update** (S) (HD)

8.00 Inside Hamleys at Christmas

supermarket. More tomorrow 7pm. (S) (HD)

Set across seven floors in London's Regent Street, Hamleys is the world's oldest toy store. This programme reveals its hidden stories, including its role in the Second World War and why teddy bears remain a favourite. (Revised rpt) (S) (HD)

9.00 Portillo's Andalucia

5/6. In Cádiz, on Andalucia's Atlantic coast, Michael Portillo takes part in a training exercise on a ship and samples some of the city's tapas. Heading inland, he arrives just in time for the final of the sherry-tasting competition in Jerez. (S) (HD) RT TRAVEL Looking for holiday inspiration? Visit radiotimes.com/partnerbrochures

10.00 The Doll Factory

Channel 5 premieres just the first episode of this period thriller based on the novel by Elizabeth Macneal, with the whole six-part series available on Paramount+ since Friday 1 December. London, 1851: Doll painter Iris longs to be an artist. Her destiny is transformed when she meets a taxidermist and a Pre-Raphaelite painter. Esmé Creed-Miles Eanna Hardwicke Louis George Webster

Adapted by Charley Miles; Director Sacha Polak (S) (HD) Ten Questions with Saoirse-Monica

#### 11.05 A&E after Dark

Jackson: page 6

A teenager suffers potential back injuries after rolling his car trying to avoid a deer. Directors Simon Bowyer and Selina Lewis (R) (S) (HD)

12.05am Adults Only: Sex Dolls Gone Wild (R) (S) (HD) **1.00** Casino (S) (HD) **3.00** Friends (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **3.50** Harrogate: a Great Yorkshire Christmas (R) (S) (HD) 5.05 House Doctor (R) (S) (SL) **5.30–5.40am** Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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**BBC4** listings are overleaf

#### **BBC3**



Just Mercy 9.30pm Walter McMillian (Jamie Foxx) maintains his innocence

7.00pm Top Gear

Chris Evans in a Dodge Viper ACR battles Sabine Schmitz in a Chevrolet Corvette Z06 in Nevada, More tomorrow 7pm. A box set is available on iPlayer. (S) (HD) Followed by **New.** The Catch Up (S) (HD)

8.00 Race across the World 6/9 Series 3. The pairs must brush up on their language skills as the next stop is

French-speaking Quebec. More tomorrow 8pm. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD) 9.00 New. Hunting the Rolex Rippers

Journalist Tir Dhondy explores the rise in luxury watch theft, meeting a gang leader and a group of teenage moped riders who are snatching jewellery from people in broad daylight. See page 70. Repeated 12.35am and tomorrow 2am (S) (HD)

9.30 Just Mercy \*\*\*

Drama based on a true story, starring Michael B Jordan. In 1989 Alabama, a young lawyer and his legal partner become involved in the case of a man on death row, who claims to have been wrongfully convicted. Available on iPlayer for 24 days. Director Destin Daniel Cretton (2019, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

11.35 Santa Claus the Serial Killer

3/6. A married father-of-two from the outskirts of Toronto disappears. (S) (HD) **12.05am** 4/6. A man says he accused Bruce McArthur of assault years before. The whole series is on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

12.35 Hunting the Rolex Rippers (S) (HD) **1.05** Such Brave Girls: two episodes (S) (AD) (HD) **1.55** The Rap Game UK (S) (HD) 3.00-3.50am Grime Kids (S) (HD)

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 **Sky** 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) **Virgin** 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

#### ITV2



**6.00am** CITV (HD) **9.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **10.00** Secret Crush (S) (HD) **11.00** Dress to Impress (S) (HD) 12 noon I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! Shown Mon 9pm ITVI (HD) 1.15pm Catchphrase (S) (HD) 2.00 Supermarket Sweep (S) (HD) 3.00 Secret Crush (S) (HD) 4.00 Dress to Impress (S) (HD) **5.00** I'm a Celebrity... G Me Out of Here! Shown yesterday 9pm ITVI (S) (HD) **6.15pm Catchphrase** Nadia, Gavin and Julia compete for a big cash prize. (S) (HD) **7.00 Family Fortunes** The Collards from Barry Island go up against the Mitchell family from Croydon. Gino D'Acampo hosts. (S) (HD) **8.00 Bob's Burgers** Series 12. Bob offers to help Gene with a school project. (S) (AD) (HD) **9.30** Louise, Gene and Tina try to find a long-lost family recipe. (5) (AD) (HD) **9.00 Family Guy** Series 19. All Lois wants is help with the Christmas shopping. (5) (AD) (HD) **9.30** Series 18. Lois decides to enrol Meg and Chris in church camp. (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00 Plebs 3/8** Series 2. Grumio finds a baby and decides to raise it. (S) (AD) (HD) 10.30 4/8. Marcus refuses to pay for medical ment when Grumio falls ill. (S) (AD) (HD) **11.00 Family Guy** *Series 13.* Lois books a couple's vacation. (S) (AD) (HD) **11.30 American Dad!** *Series 14.* Jeff has to take Francine out on the town. (S) (AD) (HD 12 midnight Stan has Roger pretend to be a shark to help Steve. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.25am Don't Hate the Playaz: with Oti Mabuse,



Downton Abbey 5.50pm Isobel and Matthew put everyone on edge

6.00am Classic Emmerdale (S) 7.05 Classic Coronation Street (S) (AD) 8.10 Never the Twain: Simon considers suing Oliver (S) **8.40** Wild at Heart: **5/10** Series 6. Strange events are occurring at Leopard's Den Repeated 12.05am; **9.45** *6/10*. Danny investigates Alice after the transportation of a tiger goes wrong Rptd 1.10am (S) (AD) (HD) **10.50** Maigret: **1/6** Series 1. The Patience of Maigret. A suspected jewel thief is found murdered (S) (AD) 12.35pm Heartbeat: 2/15. Kate goes into labour (S) (AD) **1.40** Classic Emmerdale: double bill. Cain makes a shock announcement, then Shadrach wakes up after a night's drinking with his arm in plaster (S) **2.40** Classic Coronation Street: double bill. Sarah and Todd tell their mothers they are getting married, then Rita intervenes upon catching Chesney stealing sweets (S) (AD) **3.50** Midsomer Murders: Series 8. Orchis Fatalis When a rare orchid is smuggled illegally into Midsomer Malham, it releases the heady scents of passion, jealousy and death (S) (AD)

5.50pm Downton Abbey

2/7 Series 1. The household is anxious about the arrival of Matthew Crawley, the heir presumptive, and his mother, Isobel. Continues tomorrow 5.50pm, (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 6.55 Heartbeat

3/15 Series 5. Tragedy strikes as Kate's debilitating illness ends her life, forcing Nick into a traumatising future. (S) (AD)

#### 8.00 Endeavour

3/4 Series 3. Prey. A seemingly routine missing persons case leads DC Morse to an Oxfordshire country estate. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Grantchester

**1/6** Series 4. Sidney Chambers is attending a talk by the Rev Nathaniel Todd. During the event, protesters disrupt Todd's speech and his son is stabbed. Starring James Norton and Robson Green. (S) (AD) (HD) **11.05 2/6.** Following a romantic let-down, Sidney loses himself in drink. Next episode tomorrow 10pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

**12.05am** Wild at Heart Shown 8.40/9.45am (S) (AD) (HD) 2.10-2.30am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 +1 F'view 59 (9pm-4am) F'sat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

6.00am World of Sport: daredevil jumps (S) (HD) **6.05** Minder (S) (SL) (AD) **7.05** The Sweeney (S) (SL) **8.05** The Champions (S) 9.10 Robin of Sherwood (S) 10.25 Magnum, PI (S) (HD) **11.30** BattleBots (S) (HD)

12.30pm The Champions (S) 1.35 Robin of Sherwood (S) **2.40** Magnum, PI (S) (HD) **3.40** The Sweeney (S) **4.50** Minder (S) (AD) **5.55** BattleBots: Bite Force vs Bronco (S) (HD)

7.00pm The Grand Fishing Adventure Ali Hamidi and Bobby Zamora are in Spain. (S) (HD) 8.00 New. King of the Roads: Macau **Grand Prix** Action from the 55th Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix, which attracted some 9.00 FILM Rocky \*\*\* Oscar-winning sports drama written by and starring Sylvester Stallone. When heavyweight champion Apollo Creed puts his title up for grabs, Rocky Balboa gets a shot at the big time. **Review page 77.** (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 11.35 New. All Elite Wrestling: Rampage Hard-hitting wrestling action. (S) (HD)

12.45am Auto Mundial (S) (HD) 1.10 Motorsport Mundial (S) (HD) **1.40** The Sweeney (S) (SL) **2.30–3.00am** The Protectors (S) (SL) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

Drama

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Dalziel & Pascoe 8.00pm The duo uncover some dark family secrets

**7.10am** All Creatures Great and Small Rptd 4.15pm (S) **8.00** Doctors: double bill. Mac visits a woman with an ulcer, then Marc's treatment of a patient leaves Faith bewildered **9.20** Classic Holby City: Edward is forced to make a confession about Mary-Claire Rptd 2.40am (S) (HD) 10.40 Casualty: a young girl's confession places Kate in a quandary **11.50** The Bill: Andrea faces an ethical dilemma (S) 12.50pm Classic EastEnders: double bill. Den is forced to make a choice, then Kate takes action as guilt gets the better of her 2.05 Pie in the Sky: 5/6 Series 4. A VIP luncheon is sabotaged (S) **3.05** Bergerac: **4/9** Series 7 Jim makes a disturbing discovery 4.15 All Creatures Great and Small: 11/12 Series 5 The Jackpot. James is challenged to a race Shown 7.10am **5.25** The Upper Hand: **16/16** Series 5. Caroline is upset with Charlie

#### 6.00pm 'Allo 'Allo!

1/6 Series 9. Gone with the Windmill The Colonel and Gruber try to make General von Klinkerhoffen believe that the Resistance had kidnapped them. (S)

6.40 Last of the Summer Wine Series 23. The Mystical Squeak of Howard's Bicycle. Howard's bicycle starts acting very strangely in front of Pearl. (S) 7.20 Mervyn Would Be Proud. Billy gains a stalker, but then has greater worries. (S)

#### 8.00 Dalziel & Pascoe

2/4 Series 3. Child's Play. A man appears at a wealthy woman's funeral claiming to be her son. The detectives investigate when he is later found dead. (S) (AD)

#### 10.00 New Tricks

**7/8** Series 2. Fluke of Luck. The detectives look into the case of two boys abducted from a fishing lake in 1979. (S) (AD)

#### 11.20 Dalziel & Pascoe

2/5 Series 11. Fallen Angel. A jockey collapses at a racecourse. (S) (AD) 1.35am Gentleman Jack: 5/8 Series 1 A vicar arrives with the intention of marrying Ann Walker (S) (AD) (HD) **2.40–4.00am** Classic Holby City Shown 9.20am (SL) (HD)

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#### ITVBe



7.00am The Real Housewives of Cheshire (S) (HD) **8.00** Masters of Flip (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe: children's programmes (HD)

12 noon Be Beautiful (S) (AD) (HD) 12.15pm The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills (S) (HD) **1.10** The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD) **2.05** The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD) **3.05** Million Dollar Listing: NYC (S) (HD) **4.05** New. The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City (S) (HD)

6.00pm Making It Home with Kortney and Dave Elizabeth and Michael ask Kortney and Dave to help update their home. (S) (HD) **7.00 The Big Bake** A cake that captures Santa and friends at a festive dance. (S) (HD) **8.00 The Big Bake: Holiday** Brad Smith asks the bakers to create cakes featuring a verse from the 12 Days of Christmas. (S) (HD) 9.00 Totally Unbelievable: Celebrity **Homes** This programme reveals the most remarkable residences of the stars. (S) (HD) **10.00 New. Love Island: Australia** Sophie Monk presents the hit reality show. (S) (HD) 11.20 The Cabins: Out of the Woods
A disastrous Italian-themed night threatens to put the brakes on romance. (S) (HD) 12.25-1.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319

ALL PROGRAMMES ON THE ABOVE CHANNELS ARE REPEATS UNLESS

12.23am Don't Hate the Hayaz: With Ott Mabuse Kojey Radical and Snoochie Shy (S) (HD) 1.15 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) 1.45 Unwind (S) (HD) 3.00 Home Shopping (HD) 5.00 Unwind (S) (HD) 5.10-6.00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315



#### More4

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**Escape to the Château** 6.55pm Dick and Angel still have work to do

**8.55am** Kirstie's Vintage Gems: a bedroom makeover **9.15** A Place in the Sun **10.05** A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now? **11.05** Find It, Fix It, Flog It: double bill 1.10pm Car SOS (AD) 2.10 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It (AD) **3.10** Four in a Bed **5.50** The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes (AD) 6.55pm Escape to the Château Dick and Angel Strawbridge still have 20 rooms in a state of serious disrepair and a fledgling events business to get off the ground. (AD)
7.55 Grand Designs Kevin McCloud follows Cumbrian couple Rob and Ruth's ambitious self-building project – transforming a crumbling, structurally unsound ruin into a home on an extremely tight budget. (AD)

9.00 24 Hours in A&E John, who's aged 54, arrives after a cycling accident that left him unconscious for the minutes He is sent him unconscious for ten minutes. He is sent for a CT scan to see if he sustained any serious head, neck or spinal injuries. (AD) 10.00 Brain Surgeons: between Life and **Death** Tonight, 12-year-old Matthew faces a gruelling two-day operation to remove a rare tumour next to his pineal gland. (AD) 11.05 Luxury Cruises: from Boom to
Bust? Kate Quilton is joined by a host of industry experts to explore the boom years and the recent collapse of ocean travel. (AD) 12.10am 999: on the Front Line 1.15 Brain Surgeons: Between Life and Death (AD) 2.20 24 Hours in A&E (AD) 3.25–3.50am A Place in the Sun: on the Balearic Island of Menorca More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

#### **E**4

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6.00am Hollyoaks Shown last Thu/Fri (AD) 7.00
How I Met Your Mother (AD) 8.00 Baby Daddy
9.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) 10.00 The Big
Bang Theory (AD) 11.00 The Goldbergs (AD)
12 noon The Big Bang Theory: four episodes
(AD) 2.00pm The Goldbergs (AD) 3.00
Modern Family 4.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD)
5.00 The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD)
6.00pm The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD)
6.00pm The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD)
6.00pm The Big Bang Theory 11/24
Series 6. Raj goes out with the girls. (AD)
6.30 12/24. Sheldon gets into trouble. (AD)
7.00 Hollyoaks Panic makes Mercedes push
Felix away. Repeated Thursday 6.30am (AD)
7.30 Young Sheldon 3/22 Series 5
Georgie makes a life-changing decision. (AD)
8.00 Modern Family 3/24 Series 1. Manny
has a heart-to-heart with stepsister Claire.
8.30 4/24. Mitchell and Claire's mother visits.
9.00 Gogglebox The critics' opinions. (AD)
10.00 New. Rick and Morty Series 7. The
heroes realise that maths is hard, but saving
the universe is harder. Repeated Thu 120am (AD)
10.35 New. Harley Quinn Series 4. Harley
struggles at Las Vegas's most evil hotel. (AD)
11.35 Gogglebox Opinions on 5 Gold Rings. (AD)
11.36 Gogglebox Opinions on 5 Gold Rings. (AD)
12.40am First Dates (SL) (AD) 1.45 Married at
First Sight Australia 3.05 Below Deck Sailing
Yacht (AD) 3.55 How I Met Your Mother (AD)
4.45-6.00am The Neighborhood: double bill
E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106
E4 Extra F'view 31 Fresat 125 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

#### Really

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea 7.00 Shopping 8.00 Salvage Hunters 9.00 The Repair Shop 10.00 The Yorkshire Auction House 11.00 Antiques Road Trip 12 noon Money for Nothing 1.00pm A Place in the Sun 2.00 My 600lb Life 4.00 Animal Cops Miami (AD) 5.00 Helicopter ER 6.00 The Yorkshire Auction House 7.00 Antiques Road Trip 9.00 Dr Pimple Popper 10.00 Mew. 90 Day Fiancé 12 midnight Portals to Hell 1.00am Ghost Adventures 2.00 Home Shopping 4.00 Animal Cops Miami (AD) 5.00-6.00am Salvage Hunters Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

#### **Sky Arts**





**Wonderland: Gothic** 9.00pm Daniel Kaluuya in Jordan Peele's *Get Out* 

**6.00am** Bruckner Cycle **7.05** Charles Hazlewood: Beethoven and Me (AD) **8.00** The Joy of Painting (AD) **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering: Jeff Goldblum

12 noon The Joy of Painting (AD) 1.00pm Tales of the Unexpected (AD) 2.00 Landscape Artist of the Year Canada 3.00 The Timeless Louvre 4.00 Discovering: Forest Whitaker 5.00 The Joy of Painting (AD)

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6.00pm Tales of the Unexpected
An eccentric stranger arrives in town.
6.30 Two amateur crooks plan a robbery. (AD)
7.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents An obnoxious woman finds her ex-husband.
7.30 A man becomes desperate when his money vanishes one night in town.
8.00 Classic Literature and Cinema A look at adaptations of books featuring wars. (AD)
9.00 ThOICE New. Wonderland: Gothic Exploring the genre's expression of the sense of the outsider, looking at works such as Ralph Ellison's novel Invisible Man. See p71.
10.00 Clint Eastwood: a Life in Film The actor discusses his life and career.
11.45 New. Sky Arts Ambassador
Bursary Shorts Behind the scenes at Theatre Royal Stratford East.
11.55 Discovering: Julianne Moore The life

of the Academy Award-winning actress.

12.55am Wuthering Heights 3.40 Arts
Uncovered 3.50 Why Do We Dance? 5.006.00am Cheltenham Literature Festival

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**Sky Arts Freeview** 36 **Freesat** 147 **Sky** 130 (131 Scotland) **Virgin** 140/HD 123 **BT** 350/HD 365

#### 4seven



**9.00am** Come Dine with Me: in Doncaster **11.30** Kirstie's Handmade Christmas (AD) 1.30pm A Place in the Sun 2.30 Come Dine with Me 5.00 The Great House Giveaway 6.00pm A Place in the Sun Des and Julie hope to find their dream home in Valencia. **7.00** Chris and Helen search for a holiday home in eastern Peloponnese. Shown 4pm C4 **8.00 Christmas at Blenheim Palace 1/3**Series 3. A look at life during the festive period at some of the UK's most famous stately homes. The first episode focuses on the 300-year-old Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire, Shown Sat 7,25pm Channel 4 (AD) 9.00 Bill Bailey's Australian Adventure **4/4.** Bill visits Port Hedland, where he meets some of the giants of the iron ore industry, then travels to the resort of Broome. **See choice, p50.** Shown Sunday 8pm Channel 4 (AD) **10.00 Gogglebox** The armchair critics share their opinions on what they have been watching during the week. (AD)

11.05 Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown Jimmy Carr hosts a festive edition of the words-and-numbers guiz. 12.10am FILM Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates

\*\* Comedy (W) 2.10 The Couple Next Door (AD)

4.10-4.40am The Snowman and the Snowdog (AD) 4seven F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 (138 Scot) Virgin 143

#### Quest

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6.00am How Do They Do It? 6.30 Shed and Buried 7.00 The Repair Shop 8.00 American Pickers (AD) 10.00 Chasing Classic Cars 11.00 Salvage Hunters: Classic Cars 12 noon How Do They Do It? 1.00pm Money for Nothing 2.00 The Repair Shop 3.00 Find It, Fix It, Drive It 4.00 Salvage Hunters 5.00 Salvage Hunters: the Restorers 6.00 Wheeler Dealers (AD) 7.00 Aussie Gold Hunters 8.00 Salvage Hunters 9.00 Aww. Mysteries of the Deep: the Battle of Activer 10.00 New. Mysteries of the Deep: the Battle of Activer 10.00 New. Mysteries of the Deep: the Wheeler Dealers (AD) 1.00am Cornwall Air 999 2.00 Chasing Classic Cars 3.00 Salvage Hunters: Classic Cars 4.00-5.00am How It's Made

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

#### Yesterday





**Tony Robinson's Marvellous Machines** 8.00pm The presenter goes on safari

6.10am Hornby: a Model World (AD) 8.00 Abandoned Engineering (AD) 10.00 The World at War 11.00 Nazi Hunters 12 noon Great Continental Railway Journeys 1.00pm Antiques Roadshow 2.00 Bangers and Cash 4.00 Nazi Hunters: tracking down Gestapo officers 5.00 The World at War

6.00pm Great Continental Railway Journeys Michael Portillo travels through Russia from Tula to St Petersburg via Moscow. 7.00 Antiques Roadshow The team returns to Plas Newydd on Anglesey, where a Chinese punchbowl and a magazine rack are valued. 8.00 New. Tony Robinson's Marvellous Machines 5/6. Tony Robinson heads off on safari in search of majestic machines that are inspired by the animal kingdom. (AD) 9.00 Bangers and Cash Featuring a Mini

Cooper and a Chevrolet pick-up truck.

10.00 A rare 1980s Sierra Cosworth draws in a crowd of admiring Ford fans.

11.00 Abandoned Engineering Exploring a ruined castle above a German village and a futuristic skyscraper in Johannesburg. (AD)

12 midnight Great British Railway Journeys

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1.00am Hornby: a Model World (AD) 2.003.00am The Architecture the Railways Built (AD)
Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129
+1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

#### Dave



**7.10am** Exploration Volcano (AD) **8.00** Cops on the Rock: a primary-school fire (AD) **9.00** Cop Car Workshop **10.00** Train Truckers **11.00** The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure (AD)

**12 noon** Storage Hunters UK **2.00pm** Top Gear (AD) **4.00** Cop Car Workshop **5.00** The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure (AD)

**6.00pm Rick Stein's Long Weekends**The chef visits the Spanish city of Cádiz. (AD) **7.00 Richard Osman's House of Games**Jessie Cave, Ayesha Hazarika, Simon Hickson and AJ Pritchard test their general knowledge. **7.40** With guests Johnny Ball, Suzi Ruffell, Nina Wadia and Danny Wallace.

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8.20 Would I Lie to You? Guests include
Stephen Hendry and Laura Whitmore.

9.00 QI XL Questions about hoaxes.

10.00 Have I Got News for Boris: a Special
Tribute A show dedicated to Boris Johnson,
with guests Janet Street-Porter and Phil Wang.

10.40 Have I Got a Bit More News for You
With panellists Mick Lynch and Roisin Conaty.

11.40 Mock the Week Guests include Rob
Beckett, Susan Calman and Hal Cruttenden.

12.20am Would I Lie to You? 1.00 QI XL 2.00 Mel
Giedroyc: Unforgivable 2.555-4.00am All Girls Live
at the Apollo: clips of routines by female comics

Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

#### Sky Mix

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7.00am Border Security: America's Front Line 8.00 Nothing to Declare 9.00 Motorway Patrol (AD) 10.00 UK Border Force (AD) 11.00 Highway Patrol 12 noon Motorway Patrol (AD) 1.00pm Border Patrol 2.00 Border Security: America's Front Line 3.00 Nothing to Declare: double bill 4.00 Stargate Atlantis 5.00 Stargate SG-1 6.00pm Star Trek: Enterprise 7.00 Star Trek: Voyager 8.00 New. NCIS: Los Angeles: the team investigates the death of a naval photographer First shown on Sky Max 9.00 New. The Equalizer First shown on Sky Witness (AD) 10.00 Forensics: Catching the Killer (AD) 11.00 World's Most Evil Killers: AD) 12 midnight Britain's Most Evil Killers: Peter Moore, the killer dubbed the "man in black" 1.00am The Force: Manchester 2.00 Road Wars 3.00 Highway Patrol 4.00 Motorway Patrol (AD) 5.00-6.00am Highway Cops: double bill Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

#### 5 USA



9.00am NCIS (AD) 10.55 Entertainment News 11.00 NCIS 12 noon Law & Order 1.50pm Entertainment News 2.00 Law & Order 3.55 Entertainment News 4.00 Law & Order 6.00pm NCIS Series 13. Triple bill. DiNozzo bores his date 7.00 An American couple are attacked 8.00 A Navy Public Affairs officer is murdered (AD) 9.00 Law & Order Series 20 Double bill. Lupo and Bernard look into the murder of a family of four in their own home 10.00 Lupo and Bernard investigate the death of a charter-school student 11.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: four episodes 2.50am Blacklist 3.35–4.00am 999: Criminals Caught on Camera: featuring a high-speed chase 5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) +1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

#### 5 Star



8.00am Entertainment News 8.05 Bargain Loving Brits by the Sea 10.05 GPs: behind Closed Doors (AD) 12.05pm Traffic Cops 2.05 Police Interceptors: triple bill 5.10 FiLM Christmas by Starlight \*\* Romantic drama. A woman tries to save her family's restaurant 7.00pm GPs: behind Closed Doors Dr Caris removes a skin tag, and a woman speaks to advanced nurse practitioner Linda

Dr Carls removes a skin tag, and a woman speaks to advanced nurse practitioner Linda about a blister on her daughter's arm. (AD) 8.00 New. GPs: behind Closed Doors Doctors examine a case of ongoing nausea, patches of raised skin under a patient's eyes, and a man with an injured foot. (AD)

9.00 A&E after Dark An elderly pedestrian has been run over by a motorcycle. A CT scan reveals injuries including a broken shoulder.

10.00 Ambulance: Code Red A 21-year-old motorcyclist needs urgent treatment after being thrown head-first from his bike. (AD)

11.00 Cold Case Killers Examining a multi-generation murder in Wales.

12 midnight Revenge: triple bill of the US drama 2.35-3.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera

**5 Star Freeview** 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

#### 5 Action



9.00am Entertainment News 9.10 Extreme Winter Road Rescue 10.15 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders 11.15 Police Interceptors: a high-speed chase in Sheffield

12.15pm FILM Night Passage ★★ Western Review, p77. 2.10 FILM Seminole ★★ Western 4.00 Winter Road Rescue 5.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders 6.00pm Police Interceptors The team closes in on a suspected petrol thief. 7.00 Officers chase a dangerous driver through the streets of Ripley, Derbyshire.

8.00 Å drunk driver is involved in a crash.
9.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's
Speeders PCs Matt Turner and Rich Woodward
are on the tail of an uninsured vehicle.
10.00 New. Ice Cold Catch Caitlin struggles
with tendonitis during a storm that jeopardises
the prize catch. Andrew feels the heat with
his fast-paced duties on the Valdimar.

11.00 World's Deadliest Weather: Caught on Camera In Arctic Canada, an adventurer gets stuck in his tent during a snow storm.

12 midnight Trouble on the Terraces: Caught on Camera 1.00-3.00 m Trucking Hell

**5 Action** Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

#### 5 Select

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9.00am Cash in the Attic 11.00 The Yorkshire Vet 12 noon FILM A Picture Perfect Christmas ★★ 1.50pm Entertainment News 2.00 The Yorkshire Vet (AD) 4.00 The Highland Vet 5.00 Ben Fogle in Winter Wonderland 6.00pm Walking Victorian Britain Onyeka Nubia explores the history of Nottingham. 7.00 Inside the Steam Train Museum The volunteers set to work clearing up damage. 8.00 Dinosaur with Stephen Fry Examining the last days of the prehistoric creatures. 9.00 Pompeii: the Discovery with Dan Snow How the preserved city was found. 10.30 Air Crash: Disaster Revealed An aircraft that crashed in the Andes in 1995. 11.30 How fog caused 73 deaths in 1990. 12.35am Forged in Fire: the smiths create a maguro bocho, a large tuna knife (AD) 1.30 The Blacklist 2.30−3.00am The Yorkshire Vet 5 Select Fview (Hb only) 46 Fsat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

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# TUESDAY Freeview & films



**Emergency: First Time Medics** 8.00pm Christine

6.10am Rachel Khoo's Kitchen Notebook: Cosmopolitan Cook **7.00** My Dream Home **8.00** Tipping Point **10.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **1.00pm** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars 4.00 My Dream Home

6.00pm Property Brothers: Forever Homes Just as Drew and Jonathan begin renovating a couple's home, a tree falls on it. (AD)

7.00 DIY SOS: the Big Build The experts adapt the Torquay home of a man with multiple sclerosis.

8.00 Emergency: First Time Medics Christine handles a mysterious fall case. (AD)

9.00 24 Hours in A&E An unknown patient arrives after collapsing in the street. 10.00 A woman has collapsed with an unexplained headache.

11.00 New. First Responders **10/10.** Volunteers search for a missing Swedish national. 12 midnight One Born Every Minute **1.00am** Plate of Origin **2.20–3.00am** Inside the Ambulance

**W** F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325 **HGTV** 

7.00am The Saved and Remade Workshop 8.00 The Great Interior Design Challenge (AD) 9.00 A Place in the Sun **10.00** Escape to the Country **11.00** Your Garden Made Perfect **12 noon** The Saved and Remade Workshop 1.00pm New Bargain Mansions (AD) 2.00 Flip or Flop 3.00 The Great Interior Design Challenge (AD) 4.00 Escape to the Country **5.00** The Saved and Remade Workshop **6.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers - Quick Fixes (AD) **7.00** Money for Nothing **8.00** Rock the Block **9.00** New series.

Windy City Rehab: Alison's Dream Home (AD) 10.00 New. Revealed (AD) 11.00 Bargain Mansions (AD) 12 midnight Your Garden Made Perfect **1.00am** as 5pm **2.00** as 2pm **3.00–4.00am** My Lottery Dream Home

HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191 +1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

#### **London Live**

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am Sara Dane 7.00 Shine On Harvey Moon 8.00 Never the Twain **8.30** After Henry **9.00** The Brothers McGregor **10.00** The Avengers (BW) **11.15** Dear John **12 noon** Pythons and the Exotic Pet Trade 1.00pm FILM Once a Jolly Swagman \*\* (BW) 3.05 FILM Silent Dust ★ (BW) **4.50** London Districts **5.00** Castle Builders **6.00** London Live News 7.00 The Sandbaggers 8.00 Shine On Harvey Moon 9.00 Murder Maps 10.00 Murder Most Horrid: chilling comedy 10.45 Heartland 12.35am FILM Break ★★ Crime drama 2.50 FILM The Informers \*\* (BW) 5.00-6.00am Shine On Harvey Moon

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#### Food Network 43



**Marcus Wareing at Christmas** 7.00pm Brunches and lunches

6.00am New. The Kitchen 7.00 Holiday Baking Championship **8.00** The Great Festive Bake Off **9.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas **9.30** Tom Kerridge's Veggie Christmas **10.30** Giada's Holiday Handbook **11.00** The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best (AD) **12 noon** The Pioneer Woman **12.30pm** Girl Meets Farm **1.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas **1.30** Tom Kerridge's Veggie Christmas **2.30** The Great Festive Bake Off **3.30** The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best (AD) **4.30** James Martin's Christmas Feasts **5.00** The Pioneer Woman **5.30** Girl Meets Farm 6.00pm The Great Festive Bake Off 7.00 New. Marcus Wareing at Christmas: go-to recipes 7.30 Jamie's Family Christmas: Jamie Oliver prepares snacks **8.00** The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best recipes passed down through the generations (AD) 9.00 Tom Kerridge's Christmas Dinner 10.00 River Cottage 11.00 New Holiday Baking Championship 12 midnight Buddy vs Duff 1.00am River Cottage 2.00-3.00am Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdown

Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140 (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot)

#### **Great TV**

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 9.00 Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye 11.00 Castle 1.00pm Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **3.00** Diagnosis Murder **5.00** Murder, She Wrote: double bill 7.00pm M\*A\*S\*H 9.00 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased): Jeannie receives a shock when she meets a man claiming to be the reincarnation of Marty **10.00** The Persuaders! 11.00 Return of the Saint 12 midnight M\*A\*S\*H 2.00am Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **3.00** The Persuaders! **3.50** Movie News **4.00** Castle **4.50–5.00am** Movie News

**Great TV** Freeview 50 *(limited)* Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

#### True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives 11.00 Evidence of Evil **1.00pm** Wrongly Accused **3.00** Medical Detectives: four editions. The murderers who burned their victim's body 3.30 Sexual assaults on four women 4.00 A couple who were murdered during a suspected drug deal 4.30 A man suspected of poisoning his

girlfriend **5.00** Evidence of Evil 7.00 Judge Judy 1.00am Evidence of Evil 3.00 Wrongly Accused 4.50 Medical Detectives **5.40–6.00am** Judge Judy True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134

**Sky** 147 **Virgin** 172

#### BBC Parliament 232

**7.00am** Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Questions 8.00 House of Commons **9.30** Live Select Committees **11.30** Live Health and Social Care Questions: guestions in the House of Commons to Victoria Atkins, the health and social care secretary **12.30pm** Live House of Commons 7.30 Live House of Lords **10.00** Welsh First Minister's Questions **11.00** Lords Questions 11.40-7.00am House of Lords **BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201**  PBS America 84



The Fall and Rise of New York 9.45pm Rudy Giuliani

6.00am Plane Crash Re-created 6.55 Jazz 8.00 Beautiful Serengeti 8.30 World of Stonehenge 9.35 Auschwitz in 33 Objects **10.40** KGB: the Sword and the Shield **11.50** New. The Fall and Rise of New York 1.00pm Beautiful Serengeti 1.40 World of Stonehenge 2.50 Auschwitz in 33 Obiects 3.55 KGB: the Sword and the Shield 5.05 The Fall and Rise of New York 6.15pm World of Stonehenge

2/4. The impact of farming 7.20 Auschwitz in 33 Objects

2/5. Stories of the prisoners. 8.35 KGB: the Sword and the Shield 2/3. An attempt to limit the security service's power.

9.45 The Fall and Rise of New York The history of New York City.

10.55 Auschwitz in 33 Objects As 7.20pm.

12 midnight as 8.35pm 1.15am Beautiful Serengeti **1.50** World of Stonehenge **2.45** The Fall and Rise of New York **3.50** Plane Crash Re-created **4.45–6.00am** Jazz

PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187



6.00am Hardcore Pawn 7.20 Ancient Aliens 10.10 Gold Hunters: the Legend of the Superstition Mountains **11.10** Britain's Secret Islands **12.10pm** The Proof Is Out There **1.05** Pawn Stars **2.05** Container Wars 2.35 Hardcore Pawn **4.00** Ancient Aliens **6.00pm** Rust Valley Restorers **7.00** Storage Wars **7.30** New. Container Wars: the fast-paced world of shipping port auctions **8.00** Dickinson's Real Deal: from Penrith, Cumbria 9.00 National Park Mysteries 10.00 Uncharted Mysteries **11.00** The Proof Is Out There 12 midnight Gold Hunters: the Legend of the Superstition Mountains 1.00am Britain's Secret Islands 2.00 Irish Pickers 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal 3.45 Storage Wars 4.10 Alone 5.00-6.00am Pawn Star Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

#### Challenge

7.00am The Chase 10.00 Cash in the Attic **11.00** Bargain Hunt **12 noon** Wheel of Fortune (AD) **1.00pm** Tenable **2.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **3.00** Cash in the Attic: double bill. A man raises money for his late wife's memorial, then a woman wants to clear out her inherited antiques 4.00 Bargain Hunt: Charlie Ross and Jonathan Pratt offer advice to teams searching for profitable items in Hungerford, Berkshire **5.00** Bullseye

**6.00pm** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **7.00** Weakest Link: quiz hosted by Anne Robinson 8.00 The Chase: Bradley Walsh hosts the quiz 10.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? 11.00 Tenable
12 midnight Weakest Link 1.00am
Cash Trapped 2.00 The Chase
4.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?
5.00-6.00am Bullseye

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### CHILDREN'S FILMS

#### Milkshake! on C5

5.40am Pip and Posy 5.45 Paw Patrol 6.00 New. Milkshake! News 6.10 New. Badgers: Their Secret World 6.15 Sunny Bunnies 6.20 Peppa Pig 6.25 Oggy Bunnies 6.20 Peppa Pig 6.25 Oggy Oggy 6.35 Odo 6.40 New. Tweedy & Fluff 6.45 Fireman Sam 6.55 Thomas & Friends 7.10 Peppa Pig 7.20 Paw Patrol 7.35 Pip and Posy 7.40 Paddington 8.00 Animal Care Club 8.15 Milo 8.30 Paw Patrol 8.45 Chip and Potato 8.55 Peppa Pia 9.05-9.15am New. Jen's Jolly Bakes Full listings for Channel 5 are on p74

#### **CBeebies**

6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 Vegesaurs 6.10 Bing 6.20 Teletubbies 6.35 Tee and Mo 6.40 Chuggington 6.50 Bing 7.00 Colourblocks 7.05 Hey Duggee 7.20 Bluey 7.40 Go Jetters 7.50 Peter Rabbit 8.05 Octonauts 8.15 Numberblocks 8.20 Alphablocks 8.25 Nick Cope's Popcast 8.35 Justin's House 9.00 Bing 9.10 Yakka Deel 9.15 Love Monster 9.20 Dipdap 9.25 New series. Roots and Fruits 9.30 Twirlywoos 9.45 Something Special 10.00 My Petsaurus 10.05 Teletubbies 10.20 The Toddler Club 10.35 Tiny Wonders 10.40 New. Olga Da Polga 10.50 Gecko's Garage 10.55 Bluey 11.00 Supertato 11.10 Let's Go for a Walk 11.25 Nick Cope's Popcast 11.30 Teeny Tiny Creatures 11.45 Our Family 12 noon Big Cook Little Cook 12.20pm Waffle the Wonder Dog 12.30 Get Well Soon 12.40 Andy's Safari Adventures 1.00 Yakka Deel 1.05 6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 Vegesaurs Adventures 1.00 Yakka Deel 1.05 Numberblocks 1.10 Alphablocks 1.15 Hey Duggee 1.25 Love Monster 1.40 Colourblocks 1.45 Something Special 2.00 My Petsaurus 2.05 Teletubbies 2.30 pipdap 2.25 Supertato 2.30 Go
Jetters 2.45 Maddie's Do You Know?
3.00 Andy's Prehistoric Adventures
3.10 Our Family 3.15 New. Ranger 3.10 Our Family 3.15 New. Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest 3.30 Love Monster 3.40 Hey Duggee 3.45 Peter Rabbit 4.00 New. Dog Squad 4.10 Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest Minis 4.15 The Game Catchers 4.25 Bluey 4.40 Supertato 4.45 Go Jetters 5.00 New. I Can Do It, You Can Too 5.15 Biff and Chip 5.25 Sarah & Duck 5.35 Jo.Jo & Gran Grap 4.56 Mey and Med. Gran Grap 4.56 Mey and Med. Gran Gran 5.45 Moon and Me 6.10 Clangers 6.20 In the Night Garden... 6.50–7.00pm Bedtime Stories

CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Skv 608 Virgin 702

#### CRRC

**7.00am** Shaun the Sheep **7.05** Danger Mouse **7.20** Dennis & Gnasher **7.35** New. Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **7.45** New. Newsround 7.55 Grizzy and the New. Newsround 7.55 Grizzy and the Lemmings 8.00 New. Andy and the Band 8.20 Odd Squad 8.30 Monster Loving Maniacs 8.40 Operation Ouch! 9.15 Deadly 60 9.40 Andy and the Band 9.55 Nine Minute Ninja 10.05 Lagging 10.30 Horrible Histories 10.55 Shark Bites 11.00 Bitesize Daily 11.25 Out of This World 11.35 Our School 11.55 Danger Mouse 12.20pm Boy Girl Dog Catl Mouse Cheese 12.55 Dennis & Danger Mouse 12.20pm Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 12.55 Dennis & Gnasher 1.30 Grizzy and the Lemmings 1.45 Summer Camp Island 1.55 Blue Peter 2.25 Jamie Johnson FC 2.55 The Zoo 3.05 Sketchy Comedy 3.10 The Deep 3.30 Danger Mouse 3.40 Ninja Express 3.55 Taffy 4.00 Grizzy and the Lemmings 4.20 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 4.30 Monster Loving Maniacs 4.40 Odd Squad 5.05 New. Total Dramarama 5.30 New. Pokémon Horizons 5.50 My Life 6.00 🖾 CHOICE New series. Quentin Blake's Box of Treasures See page 70; Blake's Box of Treasures See page 70; Christmas preview: page 15 6.25 Nikki Lilly Meets 6.30-7.00pm The Next Step **CBBC F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701** 

#### ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

#### ITV2

6.00am DC Super Hero Girls 6.10 New. Teen Titans Go! 6.25 Dodo 6.50 Mr Bean: the Animated Series 7.45–9.00am Scooby-Doo

9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Driftwood Bay 9.25 The Hive 9.35 Bobo 9.45 Claude 10.00 Oddbods 10.10 Ollie 10.15 The Sound Collector 10.25 Sooty 10.40
Pingu in the City 10.50 Bob the Builder
11.15 New. Teletubbies Let's Go 11.25
Postman Pat 11.45–12 noon Mumfie

#### Film4

11.00am Young Winston ★★★ Tom Brown's Schooldays meets The Four Feathers in Richard Attenborough's lavishly mounted account of Winston Churchill's early years. Simon Ward, Robert Shaw (1972, PG) (S)

1.50pm Pimpernel Smith ★★★★ Smashing adventure about a mild-mannered archaeologist who smuggles refugees out of Nazi-occupied Europe. Review, right. Leslie Howard (1941, U) (S) (AD)

4.15 It's a Wonderful Life المحتددة Classic fantasy drama in which a suicidal man is shown the value of his life by his guardian angel. James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore (1946, U) (S) (AD)

6.55pm Pacific Rim: Uprising ★★★ There's more city-smashing mayhem in this disjointed but exciting sci-fi action sequel. John Boyega, Scott Eastwood (2018, 12) (S) (AD)

9.00 Anaconda ★★★ Jon Voight goes into camp overdrive in this far-fetched but daftly funny horror adventure. Review, right. Jennifer Lopez, Ice Cube (1997, 15) (S)

10.50 My Friend Dahmer ★★★★ This absorbing, 1970s-set drama follows notorious serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer during his final year of high school. Ross Lynch, Alex Wolff, Anne Heche (2017, 15) (S) (AD)

1.00-3.50am Rosemary's Baby Roman Polanski's infamous chiller stars Mia Farrow as the pregnant housewife with increasingly sinister neighbours. John Cassavetes, Ruth Gordon (1968, 18) (S) (AD)

Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 +1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

#### Talking Pictures TV



**6.00am Royal Wedding** ★★★ Fred Astaire stars in this delightful MGM musical that was timed to chime in with the wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip. Jane Powell (1951, U) (S) **7.50 Flight from Vienna** ★★ Decent low-budget spy drama.

John Bentley, Theodore Bikel (1955, U) (S)

9.00 Emergency Call ★★ Mildly diverting medical drama. Review, right. Jack Warner, Anthony Steel (1952, PG) (S) **10.45 Bedelia** ★★ Ridiculous crime drama about a black widow plotting to bump off her fourth husband. Margaret Lockwood (1946) (S) 12.35pm

Chase a Crooked Shadow \* Heiress Anne Baxter fears for her jewels – and her life. Richard Todd (1957, U) (S) **2.20 Beachhead** ★★ Colourful Pacific-set Second World War drama Review, right, Tony Curtis (1954) 4.05 Walk East on Beacon ★ Inept and nakedly propagandist "red scare" thriller. George Murphy, Finlay Currie (1952, U) (S)

6.00pm The Black Arrow TV adventure series. (S)

6.30 Scotland Yard Docudrama. 7.05 The Four Just Men TV drama starring Jack Hawkins. (S) 7.55 Thunderbirds TV sci-fi. 9.05 Maigret TV detective series.

11.00 Brotherhood of Satan \*\*\* Good performances, clever effects and fine direction make this devil-cult chiller an unpretentious winner. Strother Martin, LQ Jones (1970, 15) (S)

12.55am The Ghost of Sierra de **Cobre** ★★★ Eerie, mostly effective chiller about a man who claims to be plagued by phone calls from his dead mother. Martin Landau (1964) (S) **2.40**One Body Too Many ★★ Diverting comic horror. Jack Haley, Jean Parker, Bela Lugosi (1944) (S) **4.20** Sherlock Holmes

TV mystery. (S) **5.00–6.00am** Stagecoach West TV western. (S)

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#### Great Movies 34

9.00am A Deadly Obsession ★★ A former student furns dangerous. Katee Sackhoff (2011) 10.55 A Mother's Sacrifice ★★ She knows her daughter's in trouble. Kristy Swanson (2017) 1.00pm Love in Full Swing ★★ Unimaginative but perfectly sweet romance. Sarah Smyth, Andrew Dunbar (2020) 2.55 Appetite for Love ★★ Corny TV romcom, Taylor Cole, Andrew W Walker (2016) 4.50 Deadly Hope ★★ A doctor becomes a target. Alana De La Garza (2012) 6.45pm Pixels ★★ Can arcade geeks save the world from aliens? Review, right. Adam Sandler (2015, 12) 9.00 The Green Hornet ★★

Seth Rogen fails to set the world alight in this hit-and-miss action comedy, Jay Chou, Cameron Diaz (2011, 12)

11.35 Human Traffic ★★★ Spirited if chaotic comedy drama about a lost weekend spent on the Cardiff rave scene. John Simm (1999, 18) 1.30am Girlfriend Killer ★★ Solid

by-the-numbers thriller. Barbie Castro (2017) 3.30 Wild West Chronicles 4.00-5.40am Aurora Teagarden Mystery: Dead over Heels **Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302** 

+1 Freeview 61 (*limited* 10pm-5am) Sky 322

#### Great Action 42

8.10am The Nevadan ★★★ Marshal Randolph Scott is under cover, (1950, U) 9.50 The Mountain Road ★★ War drama with James Stewart. (1960, U) **12 noon** Wild West Chronicles 1.00pm Conquest of Cochise ★★★ Robert Stack's cavalry officer

tries to make peace with the Apache.
John Hodiak (1953, U) **2.30 Utah Blaine** ★★ Range-war western. Rory Calhoun (1957) **4.10** Battle for Warsaw **5.10** Castle Keep ★★★ Startling war drama about a squad of soldiers defending a castle. Burt Lancaster (1969, 15)

**7.15pm Meteor Apocalypse** ★★ Debris rains from the skies in this disaster thriller. Joe Lando (2010)

9.00 Punisher: War Zone ★★ The Marvel Comics vigilante hero returns in this trashy, hardedged thriller Ray Stevenson (2008, 18)

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for general viewing, but some scenes may be unsuitable for young or sensitive children; 12,15,18

PG Parental Guidance -

11.10 The Marksman ★★ Gung-ho action adventure, Wesley Snipes (2005, 15) 1.05am Killerman ★★★ Gritty, good-looking thrill-ride starring Liam Hemsworth, Emory Cohen, Zlatko Buric (2019, 15) 3.30 Wild West Chronicles 4.00-5.00am Operation Barbarossa

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

#### Great Movies 52 **Christmas**

8.00am Coming Home for Christmas ★★ Sweet and corny family drama. Carly McKillip (2013, U) 10.00 The Spirit of Christmas ★★ Sweet natured romantic fantasy, Jen Lilley (2015) 12 noon A Mission for Christmas \*\* "Angel in training" fantasy. Lindsey Gort (2015) 2.00pm A Dream of Christmas ★★ Festive "what-if" tale. (2016) **4.00 The Perfect Christmas**Village \*\* Corny comedy. (2018) 6.00pm Correcting Christmas \*\* Warm-hearted fantasy romance. Kelly Overton, Michael Muhney (2014) 8.00 The Christmas Cottage

★★ Singletons are stranded during a blizzard. Merritt Patterson, Steve Lund (2017) 10.00 Christmas at Holly Lodge

★★ A property consultant succumbs to romance. Alison Sweenev (2017) 12 midnight Christmas on Holly Lane ★★ Warm-hearted drama. Sarah Lancaster (2018) 2.00am Highway to

Heaven 3.00-5.00am The Least of These: A Christmas Story ★★ Homeless, but not friendless. (2018)

Great Movies Christmas Freeview 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (*limited* 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

#### Sky Premiere

**6.30am Love Again** As 9.50pm **8.30 She Came to Me** ★★ Patchy but well-acted comedy drama. Peter Dinklage, Anne Hathaway, Marisa Tomei (2023) **10.15** As 11.50pm **12.20pm** As 6.10pm **2.10** As 8pm **4.00** The Three Musketeers: D'Artagnan ★★★★ Vivid swashbuckler with a cast led by Vincent Cassel and Eva Green. **Review p38.** François Civil (2023, 15) 6.10pm The 12 Days of Christmas **Eve** ★★★ Kelsey Grammer has a blast in this sentimental time-loop comedy. Spencer Grammer. Mitch Poulos (2022) 8.00 Genie ★★★ Cheesy festive comedy about a magical being assigned to help a workaholic father. Review p38. Melissa McCarthy (2023) 9.50 Love Again ★★ Schmaltzy romcom in which a reassigned mobile number brings together two strangers. Priyanka Chopra (2023

11.50 A Thousand And One \*\*\* Empathetic indie drama about the changing fortunes of a struggling single mother. Teyana Taylor (2023, 15)

**1.55am She Came to Me** As 8.30am **3.35** As 4pm **5.45** The Cinema List: Unmissable Sky Originals **Sky Premiere Sky** 301 **Virgin** 401 **BT** 501/HD 515 **+1 Sky** 312

#### Legend

8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger 9.00 The Six Million Dollar Man 10.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 11.00 The Darwin Conspiracy \* Made-for-TV sci-fi drama that rides Jurassic Park's coat-tails. (1999, PG) 1.00pm The 7 Adventures of Sinbad ★★ Tacky fantasy. Patrick Muldoon (2010) 3.00 Treasure Guards ★★ Uneven Indiana Jones-style adenture. Anna Friel (2011) **5.00** Star Trek 6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine TV sci-fi adventure series 7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man sci-fi series starring Lee Majors. 8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger TV action drama with Chuck Norris. 9.00 Acts of Violence ★ By-thenumbers crime drama. Cole Hauser (2018, 15) 10.50 Fortress ★★ Bruce Willis's ex-CIA agent is trapped in a bunker

12.45am Lonesome Dove Church ★★ Patchy but action-packed western. Tom Berenger, Greyston Holt (2014) 2.35-4.20am Bite ★★ A bride-tobe experiences terrifying symptoms after an insect bite. Elma Begovic (2015, 18) Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

with his son. Chad Michael Murray (2021, 15)

#### Legend Xtra 69 8.00am The Last Sharknado:

It's about Time ★★ Wacky, time travelling episode in the hit lowbudget comedy horror series.
lan Ziering, Tara Reid, Vivica A Fox (2018, 15) **10.00** Andromeda 11.00 Instrument of War ★★★ A PoW makes a violin in this stirring true-story wartime drama. Jack Ashton, Elliot James Langridge (2017, 12)

1.00pm 10.5 Apocalypse: TV disaster drama 3.00 Andromeda 4.00 Star Trek 5.00 End of the World \* A family flees a series of natural asters. J Jhey Castles (2018, 15)

7.00pm Andromeda TV sci-fi series starring Kevin Sorbo. 8.00 Star Trek TV sci-fi drama starring William Shatner.

9.00 The Internecine Project

\*\* James Coburn stars as a Machiavellian government adviser out to cover up his past in this intriguing thriller, Lee Grant (1974, 15) 10.50 The Row ★ Tired slasher movie about a sorority house that hides sinister secrets. Lala Kent, Randy Couture, Mia Frampton (2018, 18)

1.00-3.00am as 9pm Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Sky 317 Virgin 171 +1 F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371

# FILM REVIEWS



The Wicker Man ★★★★ 10.00-11.30pm BBC4

**HORROR** This cult classic was originally unleashed on an unsuspecting British public 50 years ago this week. Edward Woodward (above) stars as the devoutly Christian policeman whose beliefs are tested when he investigates the disappearance of a girl on the pagan shores of Summerisle. Christopher Lee plays the lord of the island, and he always maintained this was the finest thing he ever did. Robin Hardy's film is a thoughtful, challenging and provocative experience,

and you can learn more about its making in the documentary

that follows. ANDREW COLLINS (UK 1973, violence, swearing, nudity, HD)

#### Emergency Call ★★ 9.00-10.45am

Talking Pictures TV

**DRAMA** A small child with a rare blood type needs a transfusion to pull through a critical operation, and the only donors available are a boxer at a career crossroads, a black sailor with attitude and a killer on the run. Director Lewis Gilbert takes this cliché-ridden mishmash and moulds it into a mildly diverting drama. DAVID PARKINSON (UK 1952, BW)

### Night Passage ★★

12.15-2.10pm 5 Action

**WESTERN** James Stewart stars here as a former railroad man who is pitted against his own train-robbing brother, Audie Murphy, when he's hired to deliver a payroll. Though beautifully shot, the film rather dawdles along, indulging Stewart's singing and accordion-playing skills before climaxing with a decently staged shoot-out. **ADRIAN TURNER (US 1957, HD)** 

#### Pimpernel Smith ★★★★ 1.50-4.15pm **Film4**

WAR The screen's greatest Scarlet Pimpernel, Leslie Howard, updates the character to Nazi-occupied Furone in this smashing piece of wartime propaganda. Howard also directs with

style, and if the plot is preposterous - archaeologist Howard smuggles refugees out from under the very noses of the Gestapo – the film's success helped awaken the world to Europe's plight. TONY SLOMAN (UK 1941, BW. HD)

#### **Beachhead** ★★ 2.20-4.05pm Talking Pictures TV

WAR Tony Curtis served in the US Navy during the Second World War and saw action in the South Pacific. Perhaps that explains why he got involved in this otherwise unexceptional war movie new to Talking Pictures TV this week. Set in the Solomon Islands, it casts Curtis as a marine who goes behind enemy lines on a spying mission, prior to a raid on a Japanese base, AT (US 1954)

#### **Pixels** ★★ 6.45-9.00pm 12 **Great Movies**

SCI-FI Adam Sandler, Kevin James and Josh Gad star here as three 1980s arcade geeks tasked with saving the world from aliens who attack the planet in the form of popular video games from the past. Some impressive special effects fail to gloss over an inane plot and childish humour, as our heroes guip their way to Earth's salvation. VICTORIA LUXFORD (US 2015, edited for content)

#### Rocky ★★★★ 9.00-11.35pm ITV4

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**DRAMA** Sylvester Stallone became a superstar off the back of this knockout opening round in the franchise, playing the struggling Philadelphia boxer who is given a crack at the heavyweight champion of the world (Carl Weathers). Sly also wrote the script and was rewarded with Oscar nominations for both his acting and writing, while the film itself triumphed as best picture. JOHN MARRIOTT (US 1976, violence, swearing, HD)

#### Anaconda ★★★ 9.00-10.50pm Film4

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**HORROR** This cheerful creature feature sees Jennifer Lopez leading a documentary film crew up the Amazon. After coming across deranged explorer Jon Voight, the crew becomes unwitting snake-bait as he pursues a legendary 40ft anaconda. As the competent cast fights a CGI garden hose with fangs, the scaly scares shrink while the screams of laughter increase. ALAN JONES (US/Bra 1997, violence, swearing, HD)

#### Knight and Day ★★★ 11.15pm-1.05am ITV1 (not in Border Scotland or Wales; showing tomorrow on STV) 12

**ACTION** Tom Cruise sends up his Mission: Impossible persona here as a rogue agent who embroils ditzy mechanic Cameron Diaz in a jet-setting espionage adventure. The big set pieces are suitably impressive and the locations are fabulous, but the stars are short on chemistry and the film ends up going in one side of the brain and out the other. AC (US 2010, violence, swearing, HD)

#### Sky Cinema picks

#### Jumanii ★★★★

5.45-7.40pm Sky Family Board game high jinks. (1995, PG) Sky 306; Virgin 406; BT 506/520

#### Hot Fuzz ★★★★

8.00-10.05pm Sky Iconic Gleeful action comedy. (2007, 15) Sky 304; Virgin 404; BT 504/518

#### Emily the Criminal ★★★ 10.10pm-12 midnight

Sky Best of 2023

Witty crime thriller. (2022, 15) Sky 302, Virgin 402, BT 502/516

Films to stream from p34 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

# TUESDAY

# Satellite, cable

#### **Sky Showcase**



**Ricky Gervais Live: Animals** 11.30pm Stand-up comedy

6.00am The Early Rundown 7.00 Kay Burley **8.00** Stop, Search, Seize (AD) **9.00** Nothing to Declare (AD) 10.00 River Hunters 11.00 Uptown Otters 12 noon Supergirl 1.00pm MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00** The Simpsons

6.00pm The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 21/25 Series 5. Will is put into a trance by a stage hypnotist. 6.30 22/25. Will lands his dream job with a friend of Philip's.

7.00 The Simpsons Carl discovers the origins of a rodeo buckle **7.30** Marge and Homer dream that Bart is not their son. 8.00 The family spends Christmas on a ranch. 8.30 Santa's Little Helper is thrown out of the house.

#### 9.00 Fast & Furious 8 \*\*\*\*

Action adventure starting Diesel, Dwayne Johnson, Action adventure starring Vin Jason Statham and Charlize Theron. With Dom seemingly seduced into a life of techno terrorism, the team reunites.

11.30 Ricky Gervais Live: Animals The comedian's show at the Bloomsbury Theatre, London.

1.00am The Force: North East **2.00** Road Wars **3.00** Hawaii Five-O **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00–6.00am** The Early Rundown: double bill

**Sky Showcase Sky** 106 **Virgin** 109 **BT** 340/**HD** 355 **+1 Sky** 206

#### Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 7.00 rimeval **8.00** Home Shoppin 11.00 Blood & Treasure 12 noon Star Trek: Deep Space Nine

2.00pm Blood & Treasure

3.00 Primeval 4.00 Stargate SG-1 **5.00** Stargate Universe

6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 2/26 Series 3. Violence erupts on the space station while the Federation negotiates a peace treaty. **7.00** 3/26. Quark tries to enhance his reputation by claiming he killed a Klingon in his bar, but his boast backfires.

8.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 6/26 Series 2. Mining colonists need Archer's help to defend themselves against hostile Klingons. Starring Scott Bakula and Jolene Blalock.

9.00 The Ark 5/12. Sacrifices must be made when a radiation leak sparks crisis on the ship. **10.00** *6/12*. The crew must devise a plan after identifying a planet that is rich in much-needed fuel.

11.00 Dan Brown's The Lost Symbol 1/10. A professor finds himself pulled into a mystery when his former mentor is kidnapped. 12 midnight 2/10. Robert and Katherine get help from a friend to decipher the most recent clue.

1.00am Spides 2.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 3.00 Stargate Universe 4.00–6.00am Star Trek: Deep Space Nine: double bill

**Sky Sci-Fi Sky** 139 (140 Scotland) **Virgin** 122 **BT** 348/HD 363 **+1 Virgin** 229

#### Sky Atlantic



The Undoing 9.00pm Jonathan and Grace Fraser

6.00am Fish Town 7.55 True Blood **10.05** Billions (AD) **12.20pm** Game of Thrones (AD) **1.25** Tin Star (AD) 3.30 True Blood: double bill

5.40pm Billions 8/12 Series 2 Axe faces opposition when he looks into who caused a breakdown in his dealings in Sandicot. (AD) **6.45 9/12.** Lara plans a birthday celebration for Axe, while Wendy deliberates her invitation and Chuck faces pressure to drop a case. (AD)

7.55 Game of Thrones 2/10 Series 2. Tyrion chastises Cersei for alienating Joffrey's subjects and Theon is reunited with his father on the Iron Islands. (AD)

9.00 The Undoing 1/6. Grace Fraser's seemingly perfect life is rocked by a violent death and the disappearance of her husband. (AD)

10.05 The Gilded Age 5/8 Series 2. Period drama set in the 1880s, following the fortunes of a young woman who lives with her wealthy aunts in New York City.

**11.15 Tin Star: Liverpool 3/6** *Series 3.* Michael and Catherine clash over their next move. Elsewhere, the Worths' new plan causes problems for Anna. (AD)

12.20am The Outsider (AD) 1.25 Funeral for a Dog **2.25** Game of Thrones (AD) **3.35** In Treatment **4.05–6.00am** Fish Town

**Sky Atlantic Sky** 108 (109 Wales) **BT** 342/HD 357 **+1 Sky** 208 (209 Wales)

#### **Sky Witness**

6.00am UK Border Force 7.00 Border Patrol **9.00** Border Security USA (AD) 10.00 Motorway Patrol 11.00 The Equalizer (AD) 12 noon The Rookie (AD) 1.00pm FBI (AD) 2.00 FBI: Most Wanted (AD) 3.00 Caught Red Handed: double bill

4.30pm Nothing to Declare Seven back-to-back editions of the series following the men and women who defend Australia from drug runners, illegal immigrants and terrorists.

8.00 The Equalizer 6/18 Series 3 After a teenage girl dies from fentanyl-laced pills, a vigilante goes on a killing spree and McCall becomes a suspect. (AD)

9.00 Blue Bloods 11/16 Series 11 Frank tries to save Gormley's career when complaints against him become public knowledge. The transgender community comes under attack. (AD)

**10.00 For Life 7/13.** Aaron juggles the demands of his own case with that of another inmate, who is fighting for the right to marry his dying girlfriend.  $(\mbox{\scriptsize AD})$ 

11.00 The Rookie 9/14 Series 3 An amber alert sends the officers out to find a newborn infant stolen from a local hospital. (AD)

12 midnight Coroner: Jenny reunites with an old flame 1.00am Transplant (AD) 2.00 Private Eyes 3.00 Chicago Med 4.00 The Resident 5.00–6.00am UK Border Force

**Sky Witness Sky** 107 **Virgin** 110 **BT** 341/HD 356 **+1 Sky** 207 **Virgin** 310

#### Sky Max



**Never Mind the Buzzcocks** 9.00pm Ms Banks joins in

6.00am NCIS: Los Angeles 7.00 Legends of Tomorrow (AD) 8.00 Supergirl 9.00 Stargate SG-1 11.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 12 noon Supergirl 1.00pm MacGyver 3.00 Hawaii Five-0 4.00 S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow (AD)

6.00pm Stargate SG-1 1/22 Series 6. The Stargate malfunctions, plunging Earth into jeopardy. 7.00 2/22. The team makes a desperate bid to save Earth

8.00 There's Something about Christmas Movies 7/7 Series 4 Panellists re-create Christmas classics including Miracle on 34th Street and Die Hard. (AD)

9.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks 6/7 Series 1. With Maisie Adam, Rag'n'Bone Man and Ms Banks. (AD) **9.45 7/7.** With Shaun Ryder, Bez and Desiree Burch. (AD)

10.30 The Overlap on Tour **2/4.** Roy Keane, Gary Neville and Jamie Carragher take to the stage at Wembley Arena. (AD)

11.30 The Force: North East Officers race to a stabbing outside a pub in Newcastle.

12.30am The Force: North East 1.30 Road Wars 2.00 New A League of Their Own **Ep 7** Series 18. Rptd tomorrow 9pm **3.00** Hawaii Five-O 4.00 S.W.A.T. (AD) 5.00-6.00am Highway Patrol **Sky Max Sky** 113 (114 Wales) **Virgin** 111 **BT** 346/HD 361

#### Sky Replay

7.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry 8.00 Four Weddings (AD) **10.00** Stop, Search, Seize **11.00** Send in the Dogs **12 noon** Highway Cops (AD) **1.00pm** Road Wars **2.00** Most Haunted **4.00** Manifest (AD) **6.00pm** MacGyver: double bill. Mac and the team fear the return of the Zodiac killer, then Angus and Jack go on the trail of a dangerous fugitive (AD) **8.00** Highway Cops: double bill following the work of New Zealand police officers (AD) **9.00** The Force: North East: police deal with a samurai sword attack 10.00 The Russell Howard Hour: topical comedy and entertainment show with the comedian joined by celebrity guests 11.00 Brit Cops: Rapid Response (AD) 1.00am Stop, Search, Seize 2.00 A League of Their Own Road Trip: South-east Asia (AD) 3.00 Duck Quacks Don't Echo (AD) 4.00 Four Weddings (AD) 5.00-6.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

#### **Sky Crime**

**6.00am** Highway Patrol (AD) **7.00** Motorway Patrol **8.00** Highway Cop Motorway Patrol 8.00 Highway Cops 9.00 Nothing to Declare (AD) 10.00 Caught Red Handed 11.30 Border Patrol 12 noon Made for Murder 1.00pm An Unexpected Killer 2.00 Killer in My Village 3.00 Most Evil Killers 5.00 Killing Mum and Dad (AD) 6.00 Murders That Shocked the Nation (AD) 7.00 Most Evil Killers 8.00 Maw Killer in My Village 9.00 Maw Killer in My Village 8.00 New. Killer in My Village 9.00 The Suzy Lamplugh Mystery 11.00 Murders That Shocked the Nation (AD) 12 midnight Most Evil Killers 1.00am The Murder of Lvn Dawson: the Teacher, the Groomer, the Killer 2.00 An Unexpected Killer 3.00 Murder in Amish Country (AD) **4.00** Road Wars **5.00–6.00am** Motorway Patrol (AD) **Sky Crime Sky** 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **BT** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321 Gold



Mrs Brown's Boys 9.00pm An alarm make Agnes jump

7.00am The Two Ronnies 9.15 2 Point 4 Children 9.55 Still Open All Hours 10.35 Last of the Summer Wine: double bill 12.55pm Keeping Up Appearances 1.35 Citizen Khan (AD) **2.10** The Green Green Grass **3.20** Only Fools and Horses (AD) **4.00** Dad's Army **4.35** The Vicar of Dibley (AD) 5.50 Only Fools and Horses (AD)

7.50pm The Vicar of Diblev After a whirlwind romance with the handsome Harry, the chocaholic vicar swaps her dog collar for a wedding dress. (AD)

9.00 Mrs Brown's Boys Buster installs an alarm system in Agnes's house, and Agnes puts on her best poker face when she plays against old rival Hillary. **9.40** Agnes is intent on a peaceful time at home, but domestic strife, over-enthusiastic

10.20 Miranda The joke-shop owner dreams of the perfect Christmas without her parents. (AD)

carol singers and a new tree puts

paid to such fanciful notions.

11.00 The Fast Show Festive edition of the comedy sketch show from 1996.

12 midnight The Vicar of Diblev (AD) **1.10am** Mrs Brown's Boys: double bill 2.35 The Fast Show 3.20-4.00am The Two Ronnies Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 BT 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

#### Sky Comedy

8.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 9.00 The Conners 10.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 10.30 House of Lies 11.40 Entourage 12.50pm Vice Principals (AD) 2.10 House of Lies 3.20 Entourage 4.30 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 5.00 The Conners 6.00pm The Fresh Prince of Bel-Ai 7.00 Will & Grace: double bill (AD) 8.00 The Office US: double bill **9.00** Curb Your Enthusiasm: triple bill. Larry organises a Seinfeld reunion **9.40** Larry abuses his doctor's trust **10.20** Larry begins a relationship with a disabled woman **11.00** Breeders: Paul and Ally hear that
Maya is giving birth five weeks early **11.30** Ricky Gervais Live: Animals **1.00am New.** The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon **2.00** Veep (AD) **3.10** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **3.40–5.00am** Vice Principals (AD)

**Sky Comedy Sky** 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **BT** 347/HD 362

#### **Comedy Central**

8.00am Most Ridiculous: Bikes and Boards 8.35 Most Ridiculous: Toddlers 9.00 Takeshi's Castle 10.00 Home Improvement 12 noon Last Man Standing 2.00pm The Middle (AD) 4.30 Friends: nine episodes (AD) 9.00 FILM Dumb and Dumber To \* FILM Dumb and Dumber To ★
Comedy sequel starring Jim Carrey and
Jeff Daniels. The hapless duo hit the
road to track down Harry's estranged
daughter – and a new kidney 11.15 Al
Murray: One Man, One Guvnor Uncut:
a performance by the Pub Landlord
12.15am Your Face or Mine: double bill
1.15 South Park 2.45 Beavis and Butt-Head 3.05 Mew. The Daily Show 3.30 Michael McIntyre's Big Show 4.15–5.00am The Middle (AD)

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 BT 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

#### Alibi



My Life Is Murder 10.00pm Alexa meets a supermodel

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries 9.00 Rizzoli & Isles (AD) **10.00** Hudson & Rex (AD) **11.00** Without a Trace **12 noon** Shakespeare and Hathaway: Private Investigators (AD) **1.00pm** Father Brown (AD) **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** Rizzoli & Isles (AD) 5.00 Hudson & Rex (AD)

6.00nm Without a Trace 4/24 Series 5. The team investigates the case of a girl who has vanished from a detention centre. uncovering dark secrets.

**7.00 Elementary 14/24** Series 3 Watson confronts the woman she believes tried to kill her.

8.00 Father Brown 1/15 Series 3 The priest finds himself embroiled with MI5 - which puts Lady Felicia in a compromising position. (AD)

9.00 New. So Help Me Todd **15/21.** Margaret represents a gifted 17-year-old charged with releasing classified documents.

10.00 New. My Life Is Murder 10/10 Series 3. A model's death at a fashion show sees Alexa facing off with a former supermodel.

11.00 Rizzoli & Isles 6/15 Series 3 A banker is murdered. (AD)

12 midnight Elementary 1.00am Hudson & Rex (AD) 2.00 CSI: Vegas (AD) **3.00–4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries

Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114 BT 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

#### **Discovery**

6.00am Wheeler Dealers 7.00 Countdown to Collision 8.00 Dive Wars Australia 9.00 Gold Divers 10.00
Bitchin' Rides 11.00 Goblin Works
Garage 12 noon Salvage Hunters
1.00pm Building off the Grid: double bill **3.00** Alaskan Bush People (AD) **4.00** Blowing Up History **5.00** Wheeler Dealers (AD)

**6.00pm** Salvage Hunters **7.00**Outback Truckers (AD) **8.00** Railroad
Alaska **9.00** *New.* Gold Rush: Parker's
thirst for gold pushes him to open a third claim 10.00 New. Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch: the team uncovers an ancient vent shaft above the Energy Zone **11.00** Expedition Unknown 12 midnight Moonshiners: Master Distiller (AD) 1.00am Gold Rush 2.00 Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch 3.00–5.00am Wheeler Dealers

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177 BT 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

#### Discovery History

**6.00am** Expedition Unknown **7.00**Nasa's Unexplained Files **8.00** Blowing Nasa's Unexplained Files 8.00 Blowing Up History 9.00 Ultimate Warfare 10.00 Salvage Hunters 11.00 Shed and Buried 12 noon Combat Dealers 1.00pm Combat Dealers: Reloaded 2.00 Nasa's Unexplained Files 3.00 Salvage Hunters 4.00 Mysteries at the Museum 5.00 Blowing Up History (AD)

**6.00pm** Combat Dealers **7.00** Expedition Unknown **8.00** Ultimate Warfare **9.00** Combat Dealers: Bruce Crompton is asked to find items that help tell the story of lan Fleming **10.00** Salvage Hunters **11.00** Shed and Buried

12 midnight How It's Made 1.00am Combat Dealers: Reloaded 2.00 Salvage Hunters 3.00 Ultimate Warfare 4.00–5.00am Shed and Buried

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381





# & sport

#### Sky Documentaries



**The Vow** 6.55pm For how long will Mark remain loyal?

**6.00am** The Movies **7.00** Discovering: Anthony Quinn (AD) **8.00** The Directors **9.00** The Nineties **9.55** The Vow (AD) **11.00** Love Has Won: the Cult of Mother God **12 noon** Wirecard: a Billion Euro Lie (AD) **2.00pm** The Last Rider 4.00 The Directors 5.00 Discovering: Anthony Quinn (AD)

6.00pm The Nineties A look at international politics during the 1990s, including the Gulf War.

6.55 The Vow Bonnie leaves for Los Angeles and Mark initially remains loyal to Keith. (AD)

8.00 New. Love Has Won: the Cult of Mother God The life and death of Amy Carlson, the leader of religious movement Love Has Won.

9.00 Lockerbie Investigators uncover a key piece of evidence that points to a terror cell. (AD)

10.00 On the Line: the Richard Williams Story The father of tennis stars Venus and Serena retraces his family's journey. (AD)

11.50 Otto Baxter: Not a F\*\*\*ing Horror Story \*\*\*\*

Documentary following British actor Otto Baxter. (AD) (W)

1.30am The Puppet Asylum: horror (AD) 2.10 Assassins 4.10 The Directors 5.05–6.00am Discovering: Anthony Quinn (AD)

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 BT 352/HD 367

#### Nat Geographic

8.00am Abandoned 9.00 Air Crash Investigation 10.00 Lost Treasures of Egypt 11.00 Drain the Oceans (AD) 12 noon Car SOS (AD) 1.00pm Ice Road Rescue 2.00 Air Crash Investigation (AD) 3.00 Nazi Investigation (AD) **3.00** Nazi Megastructures (AD) **4.00** Draining the North Sea: Submarines at War (AD) **5.00** Car SOS: a classic 1971 sports car **6.00pm** Lost Treasures of Egypt: new evidence about the reign of Egypt's most powerful king (AD) **7.00** Air Crash Investigation: investigators discover a danger that the industry has known about for years **8.00** World War II: Secrets from Above (AD) **9.00** Apocalypse: Hitler Takes on the East **11.00** Air Crash Investigation 12 midnight Airport Security: Rome 1.00am Banged Up Abroad 2.00 Food Factory USA 2.55–5.00am Food Factory

### Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383 Sky History

**6.00am** Mountain Men **7.00** Forged in Fire **8.00** American Pickers **9.00** Pawn Stars 10.00 River Hunters 11.00 Strangest Things 12 noon Auction Hunters 2.00pm Mountain Men 3.00 Hitler's Secret Tunnels 5.00 Pawn Stars Hitler's Secret Tunnels 5.00 Pawn Stars 6.00pm American Pickers 7.00 Forged in Fire 8.00 New. What on Earth?: exploring anomalies appearing on satellite images 9.00 New. Kennedy: John F Kennedy's military career in the Second World War 10.00 JFK: the Final Evidence: the mystery behind the assassination of President John F Kennedy 11.00 New. Ancient Aliens

12 midnight Pawn Stars 1.00am Salvage Kings 2.00 Curse of Skinwalker Ranch 3.00 What on Earth? 4.00–6.00am Auction Hunters

**Sky History Sky** 123 (124 Scotland) **Virgin** 131 **BT** 353/HD 368 **+1 Sky** 223 (224 Scot) **Virgin** 331

#### Sky Nature



My Wild Cats 8.00pm The life of an Iberian lynx

6.00am Baby Animals 7.00 Monkey Life 8.00 Mysteries of the Mekong **9.00** Rewilding **10.00** Living Beach 11.00 Extreme Africa 12 noon Brazil Untamed 1.00pm Monkey Life **2.00** Mysteries of the Mekong **3.00** Rewilding **4.00** Living Beach 5.00 Extreme Africa

6.00pm Brazil Untamed The southern wetlands of the Pantanal, which become a bird paradise during the breeding season.

7.00 Monkey Life After a dramatic rescue, chimpanzee Kalu begins her iourney to a new home in Dorset. 7.30 Alison steps in when Ayla rejects and attacks her new baby.

8.00 My Wild Cats Observing five unique feline species making a comeback in the wild.

9.00 Monkey Life Double bill following daily life at Monkey World Ape Rescue Centre in Dorset.

10.00 Brazil Untamed As 6pm. 11.00 Extreme Africa Tanzania's Lake Manyara National Park an area enriched by ancient volcanos which provides a variety of habitats for life to thrive.

12 midnight The Big Dry 1.00am Wild Canary Islands **2.00** My Wild Cats **3.00** Monkey Life **4.00**Mysteries of the Mekong **5.00–6.00am** Rewilding

**Sky Nature Sky** 124 (125 Scotland) **Virgin** 189 **BT** 354/HD 369

#### Eden

9.00am The Architecture the Railways Built: nine back-to-back editions (AD) **6.00pm** The Architecture the Railways Built: six back-to-back editions. Tim Dunn is in London exploring the stations of the Piccadilly Line's northern extension **7.00** Tim Dunn rides on a funicular railway powered entirely by water **8.00** Tim explores the last working roundhouse in the UK – Barrow Hill in Derbyshire **9.00** Tim visits Sheffield station, which has been reinvented for the 21st century **10.00** Behind the scenes at Bristol Temple Meads, a Grade I listed station **11.00** Examining how the Royal Albert Bridge was constructed (AD) **12 midnight** Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown: the cuisine of Tangier

1.00am The Architecture the Railways
Built (AD) 5.30-6.00am David
Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

#### **Animal Planet**

8.00am Tanked 9.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 10.00 My Cat from Hell 11.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 12 noon Tanked 1.00pm How Do Animals Do That? 2.00 Wild Australia 3.00 Wild Mexico 4.00 My Cat from Hell 5.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD)
6.00pm Tanked: a nautical-themed
tank for a restaurant in Panama City
Beach 7.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees:
the team helps the victims of the 2016
Louisiana floods 8.00 The Zoo 10.00
Alaska: Surviving the Last Frontier (AD)
11.00 Monster Croc Invasion (AD)

12 midnight Urban Predator: Lion on the Loose 1.00am Alaska: Surviving the Last Frontier (AD) 2.00 My Cat from Hell 3.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 4.00–5.00am Tanked

Animal Planet Sky 162 (178 NI) Virgin 178 +1 Sky 262 (278 NI) Virgin 378

### **SPORT**

#### **Sky Main Event**

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 BT 420/HD 440

**6.00am** Sky Sports News **7.00** Good Morning Sports Fans **10.00** The Football Show 12 noon Lunchtime Live 2.00pm Sports Desk 5.00 Sky Sports News 7.00 LIVE International Netball

England v South Africa from Manchester (centre-pass **7.00**) **9.00** Sky Sports News **10.30** Back Pages Tonight 11.00-6.00am Sky Sports News

#### Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 BT 422/HD 442

6.00am Classic Play-Off Finals (AD) 9.00 FFL Greatest Games 10.00 Championship Retro **12 noon** Championship Highlights **12.30pm** German Football: round-up **1.30** Championship Highlights **2.00** Scottish Premiership Round-Up **2.15** Scottish Premiership Highlights **2.30** Championship Highlights 4.45 Scottish Premiership Round-Up 5.00 German Football: round-up **6.00** Championship Highlights **7.30** Scottish Premiership Round-Up **7.45** Scottish Premiership Highlights 8.00 Championship Highlights 8.30 German Football: round-up 9.30 Championship Highlights
10.30 Deadline Day: Football's Transfer Window: documentary series (AD) 11.30 EFL Greatest Games (AD) 1.00am League Cup Football (AD) **2.00** Classic Play-Off Finals **5.00–6.00am** Championship Season Review: the 2022/23 campaign

#### Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 BT 424/HD 444 6.00am Golf Academy (AD) 7.00 School of Golf 8.00 British Masters Masterclass (AD) 9.00 Playing Lessons 10.00 European Tour Golf 11.00 PGA Tour Golf: the Hero World Challenge 12 noon Golf Academy (AD) 1.00pm School of Golf (AD) 2.00 Playing Lessons (AD) 3.00 Tee Time Tips 4.00 European Tour Golf 5.00 PGA Tour Golf: the Hero World Challenge 6.00 Tee Time Tips 7.00 Miracle in Medinah: the Story of the 2012 Ryder Cup (AD) **9.00** European Tour Golf **10.00** PGA Tour Golf: the Hero World Challenge 11.00 European Tour Golf 12 midnight PGA Tour Golf 1.00am Tee Time Tips: double bill (AD) **2.00**Golf Academy **3.00** School of Golf
(AD) **4.00** British Masters Masterclass (AD) 5.00-6.00am Playing Lessons

#### Skv NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 BT 426/HD 446

6.00am Highlights 7.00 Pro-Football Talk **9.00** NFL Review Show **10.00** NFL Highlights **11.00** NFL Bitesize **12 noon** Good Morning Football **3.00pm** NFL Highlights **4.00** NFL Bitesize **5.00** NFL Highlights **6.00** Pro-Football Talk **8.00** Kansas City Chiefs: the Franchise **8.45** NFL Highlights 9.45 NFL Bitesize 10.00 Kansas City Chiefs: the Franchise 10.45 Bitesize 11.00 NFL Fantasy 12 midnight Total Access 1.00am Highlights **2.00** Pro-Football Talk **4.00**NFL Bitesize **5.00** Kansas City Chiefs:
the Franchise **5.45–6.00am** 49 Hours

#### **Sky Sports Mix**

Sky 416 Virgin 510 BT 429/HD 449 6.45-9.00pm LIVE

International Netball England v South Africa from Manchester Arena (centre-pass 7.00).

#### Amazon Prime

7.00pm LIVE Premier League **Football** Wolves v Burnley from Molineux (kick-off **7.30**); 7.45 Luton Town v Arsenal from Kenilworth Road (kick-off **8.15**)



#### International Netball

6.45pm Sky Arena England's shooting star Eleanor Cardwell

#### **Sky Premier League**

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 BT 421/HD 441

**6.00am** Premier League Greatest Games (AD) **7.00** Premier League Highlights **10.00** The Football Show: analysis, debate and breaking news **12 noon** Gary Neville's Soccerbox (AD) **1.00pm** Premier League Highlights: the best action from eight weekend matches **5.00** Premier League 100 Club **5.30** Premier League Review 6.30 Nethusters 7.00 Gary Neville's Soccerbox: three editions **10.00** Class of 92 **11.00** Netbusters: glorious goals **11.30** Premier League 100 Club (AD) **12 midnight** Premier League Icons 1.00am Premier League Years: the biggest stories of the 1998/99 season 3.00 Greatest Games 4.00 Best Goals 5.30-6.00am 100 Club (AD)

#### **Sky Cricket**

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 BT 423/HD 443 6.00am Best of T20 Blast (AD) 6.45 One-Day Cup Cricket: Leicestershire Foxes v Hampshire in the final **7.45** Disability Premier League: the final 11.00 T20 Blast Cricket: Essex Eagles v Hampshire Hawks, the first semi-final 3.15pm T20 Blast Cricket: Somerset urrey, the second semi-final 7.00 T20 Blast Cricket: a re-run of the 2023 final at Edgbaston, Birmingham **11.00** One-Day Cup Cricket: the final between Leicestershire and Hampshire 12 midnight Best of T20 Blast 5.00-6.00am One-Day Cup Cricket

#### Sky Arena

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 BT 427/HD 447

6.00am Super League (AD) 8.00 Netball World Cup 10.00 Pool 3.00pm Women's Super League: five games **4.15** Netball World Cup: England v New Zealand from 2023

6.45 LIVE International Netball England v South Africa, the first in the three-match series from Manchester (centre-pass **7.00**). 9.00 Boxing: Emanuel Navarrete v Oscar Valdez 10.00 Boxing: Jared Anderson v Andriy Rudenko **11.00** Boxing: Luis Alberto Lopez v Joet Gonzalez **12 midnight** NRLW **12.15am** NRL **12.30** International Rugby League (AD) **1.00** International Netball **3.15** British Basketball League 5.45-6.00am Super League

#### **Eurosport 1**

Sky 413 Virgin 521 BT HD 412

6.00am Snooker: UK Championship **8.00** Biathlon: World Cup **10.00** Supercross **11.00** Snooker: Shoot-Out **1.00pm** Cyclo-Cross **3.00** Curling: European Championships in Aberdeen **5.00** Hall of Fame: Sydney 2000 **6.00** Snooker: Shoot-Out **8.00** Alpine Skiing: World Cup **10.00** Ski Jumping: World Cup **11.00** Snooker: the International Championship 1.00am Hall of Fame: Beijing 2008 **2.00** Snooker: UK Championship **4.00–6.00am** Cycling: coverage of the UCI Track Champions League

#### **TNT Sports 1**

Sky 410 Virgin 527 BT 408/HD 430

6.00am Premier League Review 7.00 Premier League Football 8.30 Boxing 10.30 Premier League: the Big Interview 11.00 Goals Reload 11.15 LIVE Abu Dhabi T10

**Cricket** Bangla Tigers v Morrisville Samp Army; **1.45pm** Deccan Gladiators v Northern Warriors in Abu Dhabi; 4.15 New York Strikers v Team Abu Dhabi from the UAE.

6.45 LIVE EuroCup Basketball Umana Reyer Venice v London Lions from Palasport Giuseppe Taliercio, Venice (tip-off **7.00**). 9.00 Wrestling: WWE action 11.30 TNT Sports Goals Reload 12 midnight Wrestling (AD) 1.00am LIVE Wrestling The latest action from WWE NXT. 3.15 What Went Down (AD) 3.45 Ref: Stories from the Weekend (AD)

#### 4.45-5.45am Australian Football TNT Sports 2

Sky 411 Virgin 528 BT 409/HD 431

6.30am NBA on Fire: the latest news **7.00** Australian Football: five games **12 noon** Premiership Women's Rugby Union **1.00pm** TNT Sports Reload **5.30** Australian Football: highlights **6.00** Premier League Netbusters **6.30** Premier League Stories (AD) **7.00** TNT Sports Goals Reload 7.15 International T20 Cricket 8.15 International One-Day Cricket: West Indies v England from Antigua **9.15** International T20 Cricket: New Zealand v Pakistan, a women's match 10.15 Premier League Netbusters 11.00 NBA Action 11.30 NBA on Fire 12 midnight-6.30am LIVE NBA The NBA In-Season Tournament, coverage of the third quarter-final; 2.30am The NBA In-Season

#### TNT Sports 3

Tournament, fourth quarter-final.

Sky 417 Virgin 529 BT 410/HD 432

5.45am LIVE International T20 Cricket Australia v Bangladesh, the Deaf World Cup; **9.45** South Africa v Afghanistan in the Deaf World Cup.

1.45pm The Football's On 2.45 Goals Reload 3.00 International T20 Cricket 4.00 Premier League Review (AD) **5.00** French Football: highlights (AD) **6.00** Badminton Weekly (AD) **6.00** Badminton **8.15** Australian Football **9.15** Fishing: on the Bank (AD) **10.15** The Football's On **11.15** Badminton **1.15am** Badminton Weekly (AD) **1.30** Goals Reload **2.00** World Rally (AD) **3.00** Europa League **4.00–6.00am** Champions League Football

#### TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 BT 411/HD 434 6.00am Italian Football: highlights 7.00 French Football: seven games 2.00pm Italian Football: highlights **3.00** NBA: coverage of two games **6.00** Motor Racing (AD) **8.00** World Rally **9.00** Boxing **11.00** UFC **2.00am** UFC: the Ultimate Fighter 5.00 UFC Fight Flashback (AD) **5.30–6.00am** Premier League Legends: Gianfranco Zola (AD)

#### **Eurosport 2**

Sky 414 Virgin 522 BT HD 413

**6.00am** Curling **8.00** Cyclo-Cross **10.00** Alpine Skiing: World Cup 12 noon A Voyage of Discovery
1.00pm Olympics: Story of Women
at the Games 2.00 Snooker 4.00 Formula E **5.00** World Superbikes **6.00** Ski Jumping **8.00** A Voyage of Discovery **9.00** British Superbikes **10.30** Motor Racing **11.00** Alpine Skiing: World Cup from Colorado 12 midnight Cycling 2.00am Alpine Skiing 4.00–6.00am Biathlon

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### **SOAP EastEnders**

7.30pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

Sharon is excitedly announcing that she and Keanu will be holding their wedding reception at the Queen Vic on Christmas Day. Uh-oh, you may well be thinking, especially if you saw that much-debated flashforward to events on 25 December. Because it was in this teaser scene that we glimpsed Sharon in a bridal gown crouching over the dead body of a man in a suit. Stacey was seen with blood on her hands, Denise was in possession of a broken bottle, but who this guy is and why he's been killed is currently a mystery.

There's not long to wait now before the truth is revealed, but will news of these nuptials put groom-to-be Keanu on the grim reaper's hit list? **DB** 

#### **DOCUMENTARY**

# The Secret Genius of Modern Life

8.00pm **BBC2** 

Catch up via iPlayer

When your microwave pings, your first thought probably isn't that the cavity magnetron has just done something very clever. But it has.

Professor Hannah Fry takes the familiar kitchen gadget apart to explore its history, which involves Second World War surveillance techniques, frozen hamsters, 19th-century scientist Michael Faraday, the Speedy Weeny hot dog vending machine and a melted nut cluster in Percy Spencer's pocket (less rude than it sounds). She also sees the future of the microwave. Fry is impressed by the ingenuity and inventiveness of the current version, but this... "I genuinely am properly blown away." JANE RACKHAM

### Coronation Street

8.00pm **ITV1** Catch up via ITVX

'Tis the season for love cheats getting caught on camera. A week after Nish saw that CCTV of Suki and Eve over in Walford, Weatherfield's Daniel sees footage of Ryan admitting to having slept with Daisy. Now, obviously it's mandatory for these poor Christmas cuckolds to plot behind the backs of their unfaithful partners until the turkey is served, because all characters are required to gift-wrap showdowns for the big day.

Personally, I still blame Den Watts. OK, so he got the huge viewing figures, but if he hadn't gloated so much with those divorce papers back in 1986, I doubt that writers would be so eager to rend relationships asunder over soapland's not-so-festive period. **DB** 

### DOCUMENTARY

#### The Incident Room

8.00pm **Channel 5** Catch up via My5

"We'd got a witness, an E-fit, a partial fingerprint and DNA... but we'd got nothing because we still hadn't found the murderer," says Detective Chief Superintendent Bob Taylor about his 1994 investigation into the rape and murder of 51-year-old Wendy Speakes in her Wakefield home.

Based in the nerve centre of the investigation, this documentary reveals how quickly the police worked out this was a "stranger murder". However, it was six years before there was a lucky breakthrough in the case, even though the murderer had attempted to repeat his crime on several other occasions. "He's an animal," says Taylor about Christopher Farrow, who is still serving time in prison. JR

#### **ALSO ON TODAY**

#### **Grand Designs** 9.00pm **C4** Kevin McCloud returns to carpenter Olaf and partner Fritha's three-bed house that was blighted by an underground sewer.

#### **Portrait Artist** of the Year 8.00pm Sky Arts The final of the competition, with host Joan Bakewell (right) sitting for the three

contenders.



#### **MasterChef:** the Professionals 8.00pm **BBC1** Only four chefs remain as Finals Week begins with Chef's Table from the Midland Grand Dining Room in London.

#### **DOCUMENTARY**

### The Murder of Lyn Dawson: the Teacher, the Groomer, the Killer

9.00pm Sky Crime Catch up via Now

Having focused in on the worrying dynamics within the Dawson family home in episode one, this riveting true-crime doc now widens the scope, revealing that rumours of predatory behaviour at Cromer High in New South Wales were widespread.

There was also a strange general air of acceptance that boundaries between staff and students during the late 1970s and early 80s had become almost non-existent. But in this climate of non-intervention, those youngsters who were exploited were left feeling both powerless and filled with self-doubt. DB

WITCH WATCH

Alexandra

Daddario stars in Mayfair Witches

#### **SITCOM**

#### **Such Brave Girls**

10.00pm, 10.30pm **BBC3** Catch up via iPlayer



This deliciously dark comedy draws to a close with a bittersweet double bill. After visiting their

dving nan in hospital, the dysfunctional family find their own "unique" ways to process grief. For sisters Josie and Billie, that means a "feral" night out clubbing. For mum Deb – still insisting couscous is pronounced "coo-coo" - it means stepping up her quest to be bankrolled by rich boyfriend Dev.

It all climaxes with a cathartic road trip and several surprising relationship breakthroughs. Expect plot twists and keep your chicken goujons crossed for a potential second series. MICHAEL HOGAN

#### SCI-FI

#### The Lazarus Project

10pm **Sky Max** Catch up via Now It's one thing that the team are planning to go back to 2012 to destroy the time machine whose creation will kick off the end of the universe. But what happens if they end up somewhere entirely different? If you're George, you're like a dog with a bone. Still set on getting things back on track with his ex Sarah, he now comes up with a scheme that leads to a very dark conclusion. And even the usually unflappable Archie is fazed when it appears that a plot to undermine everything they're doing may have originated very close to home.

There are shocks galore, and you might want to create a spreadsheet to keep track of the spreading timelines. GILL CRAWFORD

### LIVE SPORT



**Football: Premier League** Aston Villa v Man City k/o 8.15pm Amazon Prime Aston Villa boss Unai Emery (above) is overseeing the club's best era for many years.

**Cricket: ODI Series** West Indies v England 4.30pm TNT Sports 1 From Antigua, the second in a three-match series.

**Hockey: Women's FIH Pro League** Argentina v Great Britain 10.00pm **TNT Sports 2** A new season begins in Santiago del Estero, northern Argentina.

### **FILM OF** THE DAY



#### E Kindling ★★★ I 11.15pm **BBC2**

You might recognise him from his small role as Joe in Netflix series Sex Education, but George Somner takes centre stage here as a young man with incurable cancer who wants his final summer to be a joyful one for himself and his friends. (2023)

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### DRAMA **Mayfair Witches**

9.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer



As superpowers go, being able to make someone suffer a fatal carotid aneurysm just

by imagining it is rather impressive, although American neurosurgeon Rowan (Alexandra Daddario) isn't that comfortable when she discovers her dangerous gift.

Loosely based on Anne Rice's supernatural trilogy, this slowburning thriller gradually reveals that adoptee Rowan is descended from a family of witches who are manipulated by a malevolent, shapeshifting entity called Lasher (Jack Huston). There's a lot of weirdness in this episode: creepy characters, hallucinations, strange visions, and flashbacks to Rowan's birth mother (Annabeth Gish) now catatonic on a New Orleans porch. A strange brew that may have you spellbound. JR

# WEDNESDAY Main Channels

#### **DAYTIME**

**6.00am Breakfast** Rachel Burden, Jon Kay. (S) (HD) **9.15 Morning Live at Christmas** Michelle Ackerley and Gethin Jones host the daily magazine show. (S) (HD) 10.00 Defenders: Busting the Bad Guys Tracking down a loan shark targeting hard-up families. (R) (S) (HD) 10.45 Claimed and Shamed A £20,000 injury claim is revealed to be a scam and a holiday-maker's false claim for a cancelled trip is exposed. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

**11.15 Homes under the Hammer** Properties in Mablethorne, Huddersfield and Norwich, (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **12.15pm Bargain Hunt** Eric Knowles and the team search for antiques in Ardingly, West Sussex. (R) (S) (HD)

1.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 1.45 Doctors Jimmi saves the day. (S) (AD) (HD) 2.15 The Bidding Room Items include a 1960s dress, a mid-century egg chair and a miniature collection of

Shakespeare's plays, Nigel Havers hosts, (R) (S) (HD) 3.00 Escape to the Country A buyer from Surrey is looking for a new home in Cornwall. (R) (S) (HD)

3.45 Antiques Road Trip Natasha Raskin Sharp and Ishy Khan head to the East Riding of Yorkshire, where Ishy finds a glass terrier inkwell. Rptd Thu 6.30am BBC2 (S) (HD) 4.30-5.15 Make It at Market Leather designer Jo from Essex and portrait artist Jill from Newbury are given eight weeks to turn their hobbies into successful businesses. Repeated tomorrow 7,15am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

6.30am Antiques Road Trip Shown Tue 3.45pm BBC1 (S) (HD) 7.15 Make It at Market Shown Tue 4.30pm BBCI (S) (AD) (HD) 8.00-9.00 Sign Zone 8.00 See Hear Magazine for the deaf and hard of hearing. Repeated 12.45am (S) (HD) **8.30 Nadiya's Simple Spices 4/6.** A take on a classic breakfast muffin and a cottage pie mash-up. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 9.00 Nicky Campbell Calls on the day's talking

10.00 BBC News (S) (HD)

11.15 Politics Live News from Westminster. (S) (HD) 1.00pm Impossible Celebrities Comedian Susan Calman and radio DJ Melvin Odoom are among the celebrities playing for their chosen charity. (R) (S) (HD)

points, Simulcast with Radio 5 Live, (S) (HD)

1.45 The Boss Quiz hosted by Susan Calman. (R) (S) (HD) 2.30 The Best Christmas Food Ever Recipes include pheasant breast with wild mushrooms. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **3.15 Primates** The strategies primates must use to survive. Narrated by Chris Packham. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.15-5.15 The Great British Winter Ellie Harrison explores British forests during the coldest months. She encounters red squirrels and Éurasian beavers. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD) **9.00 Lorraine** Showbiz and style tips. (S) (HD) **10.00 This Morning** Lifestyle advice, competitions and star interviews. Including Regional Weather (S) (HD) 12.30pm Loose Women Candid conversation. (S) (HD) 1.30 ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David and the dealers visit the RAF Museum in north London, where they discover a collection of Moorcroft pottery. (S) (AD) (HD)

3.00-4.00 Lingo Duos from the Wirral, Gateshead and Stafford go head to head in the battle of words. Adil Ray hosts. (R) (S) (HD) Followed by Regional Weather

6.05am Countdown With Bob Harris. (R) (S) (HD) 6.45 3rd Rock from the Sun Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **8.25 Frasier** Three episodes of the comedy. (R) (S) (AD) 9.55 Find It, Fix It, Flog It Henry Cole turns a quick profit on a Fordson tractor in Gloucestershire, (R) (S) (HD) 10.55 The Great House Giveaway Noam and Sara buy a house in Newport. (R) (S) (HD) 11.55 News (S) (HD)

12 noon Steph's Packed Lunch Weekday magazine show presented by Steph McGovern. (S) (HD)

2.10pm Countdown With guest Bob Harris. (S) (HD) 3.00-5.00 A Place in the Sun Christine and Howard seek a holiday home in Spain's Almería region. (R) (S) (HD) **4.00** Sandra and Dave look for a property in southern Alicante, Spain for £100,000. Repeated 7pm 4seven (S) (HD)

#### BBC<sub>1</sub>

Shetland 9.00pm Case closed? Tosh and Calder try to solve the mystery at the heart of the Bain family



#### 5.15pm Pointless

Quiz presented by Alexander Armstrong. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 Regional news magazines (S) (HD)

#### 7.00 The One Show

Jermaine Jenas and Alex Jones present. Editor Joanne Vaughan-Jones (S) (HD)

**⊕ BBC RED BUTTON 7.00-10.30** 5 Live Final Score Premier League commentary from BBC Radio 5 Live

#### 7.30 EastEnders

Phil is determined to get answers. Denise learns the true circumstances of Sam's return. Yolande starts recruiting for the community choir. See p80.

Sharon Watts

Zack Hudson

Billy Mitchell

Kim Fox

Theo Hawthorne

Letitia Dean

William Ellis

Tameka Empson

James Farrar

Perry Fenwick

Roger Griffiths

Shiv Jalota Thomas Law

Scott Maslen

Kim Medcalf

Shona McGarty

Clay Milner Russell

Matthew Morrison

Francesca Henry

Steve McFadden Dean Wicks Denise Fox Diane Parish Yolande Trueman Angela Wynter Zaraah Abrahams Chelsea Fox Howie Danes Delroy Atkinson Honey Mitchell Emma Barton Jamie Borthwick Harvey Monroe Ben Mitchell Freddie Slater Linda Carter Finlay Baker Martin Fowler Nish Panesar Callum Highway Tom "Rocky" Cotton

Mitch Baker Ross Boatman Gina Knight Max Bowden Bobby Brazier Vinny Panesar Peter Beale Kellie Briaht Jack Branning Ashley Byam Sam Mitchell James Bye Whitney Dean Bobby Beale Tony Clay Michelle Collins Felix Raker Bernadette Taylor Brian Conley

Writer Rob Gittins More cast Thursday (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 8.00 MasterChef: the Professionals

Only four chefs remain in the competition as Finals Week begins with Chef's Table, which this year comes from the Midland Grand Dining Room at London's St Pancras Renaissance Hotel. The finalists have four hours to prepare one course each and serve it to 24 of the most respected chefs in the industry, who are expecting flawless dishes. Back in the MasterChef kitchen they are asked to cook a dish inspired by the place they call home. Continues tomorrow 8pm. Series editor Genevieve Welch Series director Anthony Crumpton (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 Shetland

6/6 Series 8. Calder and Tosh are back together as the police descend upon the Bain farm and begin their search. Officers find a piece of Ellen's clothing, leading them to Rory and Grace, who admits she argued with her granddaughter that night. The detectives discover that the identity of the killer lies in the reason why Ellen left Shetland, as the case comes to a conclusion. A box set is on iPlayer. See page 80. Grace Bain Phyllis Logan

Ashlev Jensen DI Ruth Calder DI "Tosh" McIntosh Alison O'Donnell Ellen Quinn DC Sandy Wilson Steven Robertson Sgt Billy McCabe Kieran Quinn Lewis Howden Barry O'Connor Stella Quinn Amma Calder Dawn Steele Nina Toussaint-White **Robby Bain** Russ Bain Reverend Alan Calder Steven Miller

Azir Sadat Rory Quinn Harry Lamont Jean Ferguson Tom Knox James Innes

Maisie Norma Seaton Bamshad Abedi-Amin Jakub Bednarczyk Tibu Fortes Jennifer Black Kevan MacKenzie

Writer Paul Logue; Producer Louise V Say Director Giulia Gandini (S) (HD)

#### 10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 10.40 Match of the Day

Action from the midweek Premier League fixtures, including Aston Villa v Manchester City, Manchester Utd v Chelsea and Sheffield Utd v Liverpool. (S) (HD)

12.10am Survivor 11/16. The players' memories are put to the test at the reward challenge. Shown Sat 8.25pm (S) (AD) (HD) 1.10 The Weakest Link Featuring Penny Lancaster, Josie Long, Roisin Conaty, Hal Cruttenden, Catherine Tyldesley and Rickie Haywood-Williams. Shown Saturday 5.45pm (S) (HD) 1.55 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD) 2.00-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC1 Freeview 1/HD 101 Freesat 101 Sky 101 Virgin 101

#### BBC2

**Mayfair Witches** 9.00pm Dr Rowan Fielding realises she possesses a dark power in this

new US thriller



#### 5.15pm Flog It!

Experts James Lewis and Mark Stacey value collectables at Guildford Cathedral. (R) (S) (HD)

#### 6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games

With panellists Malorie Blackman, Matt Dawson, Chris McCausland and Ranvir Singh. (S) (HD)

#### 6.30 Strictly It Takes Two

Janette Manrara interviews one of the remaining couples, plus more backstage news. (S) (HD)

#### 7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip

Travelling through Yorkshire, soprano Lesley Garrett and former home secretary and Labour peer David Blunkett hunt for lucrative items to take to auction, joined by experts Natasha Raskin Sharp and Margie Cooper. Next episode Friday 7pm. (S) (HD)

#### 8.00 The Secret Genius of Modern Life

4/6 Series 2. Microwave. Professor Hannah Fry investigates the science and history behind the microwave, discovering how a melted candy bar in the pocket of an engineer kick-started its creation. She also explores its hidden Second World War technology that functions to heat food and takes part in a risky demonstration to show why the microwave zaps food – and not the person using it. Next episode tomorrow 8pm. See page 80. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 Mayfair Witches

New series. 1/8. The Witching Hour. American supernatural thriller based on Anne Rice's trilogy of novels, starring Alexandra Daddario. San Francisco paediatric neurosurgeon Dr Rowan Fielding starts to suspect she can kill with her mind when driven to rage. Where does this dark power come from? The whole series is on iPlayer. See page 81. (S) (AD) (HD) Alexandra Daddario Max Jordan Cox

Rowan Fielding Ciprien Grieve Lasher Cortland Mayfair Carlotta Mayfair Deirdre Mayfair Daniel Lernie Young Deirdre Millie Mayfair Delphine Dr Vernon Lamb

Tongayi Chirisa Mawbel Harry Hamlin Beth Grant Erica Gimpel Annabeth Gish Tohias Jelinek Cameron Inman Geraldine Singer Deneen Tyler Billy Slaughter

Melissa Chambers Jack Huston Dr Norman Keck Dr Maya Kang Joseph Meissner Father Duffy Patrick Evans Joey Sister Elise Carson Minniear Monica Monica Priest Eric Esteban Kyler Porche Karen Milliken Nate Helena Thomas Russell Glacontiere

Jim Gleason

Danielle Lyn

Sam Evans

9.50 Upstart Crow

A Crow Christmas Carol. After Will is visited by a mysterious stranger, he embarks on a mission to save Greene from his fate, arranging for three ghosts to visit him at midnight. A box set is on iPlayer. Writer Ben Elton: Director Richard Boden Producer Gareth Edwards (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

**10.30 Newsnight** With Victoria Derbyshire. (S) (HD)

**11.10** Weather (S) (HD)

11.15 Kindling ★★★

Drama. Sid should be at university like his friends, but he has terminal cancer. Determined to enjoy his final summer, he asks each of his four best mates to find items that symbolise their bond, which they will send skywards in a Viking-style pyre. On iPlayer for 2 years. Film of the Day: page 87.

George Somner Lily Conrad Khan Plod Mia McKenna-Bruce Dribble Rory J Saper Kaine Zajaz Wilson Mbomio Wolfie Diaas Director Connor O'Hara (2023, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

12.45-3.15am Sign Zone 12.45 See Hear Magazine for the deaf and hard of hearing. Shown 8am (S) (HD) 1.15 MasterChef: the Professionals Half of the chefs tackle lunch in a two-Michelin-starred restaurant before serving a main course and dessert. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 2.15 The final three chefs face two challenges. Shown last Thu BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 Freesat 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102

### ITV1

Coronation Street 8.00pm Daniel's fears are confirmed when he sees the video

of Daisy and Ryan



### 4.00pm Deal or No Deal

Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show where the contestants open boxes that could contain a fortune, but will they take the Banker's offer? Signed repeat 5.05am (S) (HD)

#### 5.00 The Chase

Bradley Walsh hosts as Lucie, Gary, Betty and Sam attempt to outrun one of the formidable Chasers and take home the prize pot. (S) (HD)

#### 6.00 Regional News Weather (S) (HD) 6.30 ITV Evening News Weather (S) (HD) 7.30 Emmerdale

Rhona realises she's pushing her luck, before Gus asks her to leave. Caleb doesn't like what he sees, while Tracy tries to avoid his eye. Writer Andrew Kirk Cast Thursday/Friday (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 8.00 Coronation Street

Asha admits to Nina that Isla has a crush on her. Daisy and Ryan carelessly reveal their secret on camera. Évelyn admonishes a stranger for mistreating a dog. See page 80. Mollie Gallagher Max Turner Paddy Bever Nina Lucas Evelyn Plummer Maureen Lipman Paul Foreman Rob Mallard Chesney Winter-Brown Peter Ash Daniel Osbourne Sam Aston Julie Prescott Ionica Adriana Eliza Woodrow Savannah Kunyo Jack P Shepherd Yasmeen Metcalfe David Platt Shelley King Sue Devaney Terry Fensley Leanne Battersby James Foster Debbie Webster Jane Danson Big Garth Victor McGuire Dev Alahan Jimmi Harkishin Joseph Brown William Flanagan Sam Blakeman Jude Riordan Ken Barlow Shona Platt Julia Goulding District judge Jane Hollington Sabrina Adetiba Luana Santos Receptionist Writers David Isaac and Alasdair Morrison This week's episodes produced by Iain MacLeod, directed by Matt Hilton More cast Monday (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!

The celebs still enduring the alfresco delights of the Antipodean outback are to bound to be dreaming of the finishing line by this point, but before they get there, there's still a seemingly endless host of gruesome challenges for them to face. Who'll be selected to tackle the latest Bushtucker Trial? Ant and Dec look back over the past 24 hours in the jungle encampment. Repeated tomorrow 12 noon and 5pm ITV2 (S) (HD)

#### **10.20 ITV News**

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

#### 11.05 Safe House ★★★

Action thriller starring Ryan Reynolds and Denzel Washington. Junior agent Matt Weston operates the CIA's sleepy safe house in South Africa, but when a rogue agent finally decides to give himself up after years on the run, he is suddenly handed a hot assignment. Little does Weston know just how dangerous his mission is about to get... Review page 87.

Ryan Reynolds Keller

Denzel Washington Harlan Whitford Joel Kinnamar Tohin Frost Sam Shenard Vera Farmiga Carlos Villar Brendan Gleeson Ana Moreau Catherine Linklater David Barlow Nora Arnezeder Liam Cunningham Vargas Daniel Kiefer Robert Patrick

Director Daniel Espinosa (2012, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.00am Home Shopping (HD) 3.00 New Knees and Hips: Britain's Biggest Queue?
Tonight Dr Zoe Williams looks at the growing waiting list for NHS treatment. Shown last Thursday (S) (SL) (HD) **3.25 Gino's Italian Express 4/8.** Gino makes the journey from Bologna to Verona. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **3.50 Unwind** A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD) 5.05-6.00am Deal or No Deal Stephen Mulhern presents the tense game show. Shown 4pm (S) (SL) (HD)

ITV1 Freeview 3/HD 103 Freesat 103 Sky 103 Virgin 103 +1 Freeview 35 Freesat 112 Sky 203 Virgin 303

### Channel 4

**Grand Designs** 9.00pm Triangle of sadness?: Olaf and Fritha look to build an oasis on a small plot of land



4 7 in Wales

#### 5.00pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas

How to make a pop-up Christmas card, plus a throwback to Christmases past. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 6.00 Four in a Bed

The B&Bers are in Great Yarmouth to visit Stu and Lou's Beachside Holidays. (R) (S) (HD)

#### 6.30 The Simpsons

The Hateful Eight-Year Olds. Lisa meets a fellow horse-lover but falls into a circle of snooty girls, while Homer takes Marge on a cruise. First shown on Sky Showcase (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 7.00 Channel 4 News (S) (HD)

**7.55** The Political Slot Presented by Scottish National Party MP Amy Callahan. (S) (HD)

#### 8.00 Location, Location, Location

Ep 5. Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer catch up with two sets of house-hunters who needed help with multi-generational property searches. In 2017, mother and daughter Linda and Laura were looking for a Bristol bolthole that would suit the whole family. Meanwhile, in 2018, Glasgow couple Ranald and Marjorie wanted to upsize so they would be able to host large get-togethers in a house with enough bedrooms for their grandchildren to stay over as well. Directors Miranda Stern and Sasha Webb; Series producer Julyan Sinclair Repeated Thursday 8pm 4seven (R) (S) (HD)

#### 9.00 Grand Designs

In 2019, master carpenter Olaf and his partner Fritha set out to create an oasis on a slice of land in West Sussex that's boxed in by a railway line and a busy road. With half the plot out of bounds thanks to an underground sewer, they were left with only a small triangle of land. Using a budget of £190,000, Olaf and Fritha had to use all their ingenuity to bring their three-bedroom house to life - and at the same time they were going through the stress of IVF treatment. Kevin McCloud returns to Sussex to see how the couple have been getting on. Director Edward Sunderland; Exec producers John Lonsdale and John Comerford Repeated Thursday 9pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 Gogglebox

The armchair critics share their opinions on what they have been watching during the week. Shown last Friday (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

**11.05** The armchair critics share their opinions on shows from April 2022, including SAS: Who Dares Wins, Bridgerton and Made in Chelsea. Executive producers Mike Cotton, Leon Campbell, Victoria Ray and Sophie Lloyd (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am Travel Man: 96 Hours in Iceland Joe Lycett visits Iceland with comedian Bill Bailey. (R) (S) (HD)

1.05 Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back The chef helps a bistro in New Orleans. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

1.55 Minari ★★★★ Drama, Korean-American Jacob moves his family to rural Arkansas, where he harbours hopes of becoming a farmer. But his children struggle to adjust, while a rift starts to grow between Jacob and his wife, Monica. Available to stream for 30 days Korean, English +subtitles.

Steven Yeun David Alan S Kim Monica Yeri Han Anne Noel Cho Soonja Youn Yuh-jung Paul
Director Lee Isaac Chung (2020, 12) (W) (HD)

3.55 Unreported World Ep 5. Investigating why Sweden has become one of the most lethal places in Europe for gun crime. Shown last Friday (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **4.20** Couples Come Dine with Me in Surrey. (R) (S) (HD) **5.15–6.05am** Christmas at Warwick Castle Historian Melissa Perry tells tales of Christmases past as she decorates the castle's historic sleigh. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

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### BBC4

Walking with **Nick Grimshaw** 7.30pm The DJ reflects on life as he strolls through Northumberland



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#### 7.00pm Great British Railway **Journeys**

Canterbury to Alexandra Palace Beginning in Canterbury, Michael Portillo's travels cast light on the east of England during the interwar period. Continues tomorrow 7pm. Repeated 1,20am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 7.30 Walking with Nick **Grimshaw**

The broadcaster begins a walk through Northumberland, taking in Warkworth and Amble. En route he reflects on his career, being gay, the positive influence of his late father. and his passionate desire to start his own family. More tomorrow 7.30pm. Repeated 1.50am (R) (S) (HD)

#### 8.00 Earth from Space

3/4. Colourful Planet. We think of Earth as a blue planet, but satellite cameras reveal a kaleidoscope. The astonishing, otherworldly colours of the aurora are towering vertical streaks hundreds of kilometres high, while phytoplankton blooms turn the ocean into a work of art and trigger a feeding frenzy. Narrated by Chiwetel Ejiofor. Producer Justin Anderson; Series producer Chloe Sarosh Repeated 2.20am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 How to See a Black **Hole: the Universe's Greatest**

Following the ongoing work of a team of international astronomers as they embark on a seemingly impossible mission - to unlock the secrets of black holes, Narrated by Peter Capaldi. Producer Henry Fraser; Exec producers Carlo Masarella and Dan Kendall and Henry Fraser (R) (S) (HD)

#### 10.00 Making Out

A box set is on iPlayer.

1/8 Series 3. Comedy drama first shown in 1991. Queenie is heavily pregnant and Carol May tries to save her marriage. **10.50 2/8.** Queenie and Rosie prepare for motherhood. 11.40 3/8. Pauline is underwhelmed

by Frankie's seduction techniques. 12.30am 4/8. A young stranger turns up on Queenie's doorstep.

Queenie Margi Clarke Melanie Kilburn Pauline Carol May Shirley Stelfox

Rosie Jane Hazlegrove Donna Heather Tobias Moya Brady Klepto Norma Tracie Bennett Bernie Alan David Gary Beadle Brian Hibbard Simon Chunk Frankie John Forgeham Gordon Jonathan Barlow David Hargreaves Sue Wallace Colin Nancy Willow Annette Radland

Writer Debbie Horsfield; Directors John Woods and Tom Cotter: Producer Carol Wilks (R) (S) (HD)

1.20 Great British Railway Journeys 1.50 Walking with Nick Grimshaw Shown 7.30pm (S) (HD) 2.20-3.20am Earth from Space Shown 8pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

BBC4 F'view 9/HD 106 F'sat 108 Sky 116 Virgin 108

#### BBC<sub>1</sub> SCOTLAND

2.15–3.00pm Politics Scotland 10.40 Sportscene: Premiership Highlights: highlights of Aberdeen v Kilmarnock and Celtic v Hibernian 11.55 Match of the Day 1.25am The Edit **1.40** Survivor **2.40** Weather for the Week Ahead 2.45-6.00 News

### **SCOTLAND**

7.00pm Paramedics on Scene **8.00** Reindeer Family and Me 9.00 The Nine 10.00 River City 10.30 Amazing Hotels: Life beyond the Lobby 11.30–12 midnight Two Doors Down

#### **STV**

11.00pm Scotland Tonight 11.25 FILM: Knight and Day ★★★ Action adventure starring Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz 1.20-3.00am Night Vision **3.50-5.05** Night Vision

#### **ITV1 BORDER SCOTLAND**

11.05pm Representing Border: political news 11.35 The Chase 12.30–1.00am The Way We Were: archive film of special occasions, including the 1935 Jubilee celebrations, VE Day and a farmhouse Christmas in the 1960s

#### **BBC2 WALES**

6.00-6.30pm Richard Osman's House of Games: the second visit of the week

#### BBC<sub>1</sub> **NORTHERN IRELAND**

10.40pm The Crime I Can't Forget: police investigate the murder of a promising young boxer 11.40–1.10am Match of the Day: action from the midweek Premier League fixtures

### BBC2 NORTHERN IRELAND

6.00-6.30pm Richard Osman's House of Games: the second visit of the week 7.00-8.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip 9.50 The Fast and the Farmer-ish: the Teutchers take on the Black Reek Pipers in this Scottish heat 10.00-10.30pm Spotlight: social and political issues

11.05pm FILM: The Mummy ★★ Action horror fantasy with Tom Cruise, Sofia Boutella and Russell Crowe 12.55–1.00am Hidden

Channel 5 listings are overleaf

# WEDNESDAY Freeview

#### Channel 5





The Incident Room 8.00pm Bob Taylor remembers his 1994 investigation

5.40am Milkshake! See page 86 9.15 Jeremy Vine (S) (HD) 11.15 Storm Huntley (S) (HD) 12.30pm Alexis Conran (S) (HD) 1.25 5 News (S) (HD)

1.30 Three Wise Men and a Baby at

Comedy drama. Three brothers begin to repair their relationship when they are forced to look after a baby at Christmas. Director Terry Ingram (2022) (S) (W) (HD)

3.15 Cooking Up Christmas ★★ Drama. After losing her job, chef Chloe takes a live-in job for a professional baseball player who needs her to cook throughout the holidays for his three children. Director Roger M Bobb (2020) (S) (W) (HD)

5.00pm 5 News (S) (HD)

6.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly 3/6 Series 1. Graeme Hall helps a family who are struggling with their rottweiler rhodesian ridgeback cross puppy. (R) (S) (HD) 6.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

7.00 Shoplifters: Caught Red Handed Ep 10. A man claims to have been threatened with a knife after a verbal dispute with a fellow shopper, and thieves use chainsaws to break into an Enfield store in the early hours of the morning. Directors Mark Stanton, Jack Brownbill, Tom Charnley and Josh Haddow (S) (HD)

**7.55** 5 News Update (S) (HD)

8.00 The Incident Room

**2/2.** In March 1994, the body of 51-year-old Wendy Speakes was found inside her Wakefield home. She had been brutally assaulted and stabbed to death. As investigating officer Bob Taylor and his team recall the details of the case, this episode explores how the nationwide manhunt unfolded. See p80. Director Luke Rufo (S) (HD)

#### 9.00 Cause of Death

5/6 Series 2. The coroner and his team investigate the deaths of a 26-year-old man who was taken to hospital after experiencing seizures and a 50-year-old man who collapsed at work having felt dizzy and unwell. Series producer Annaliese Edwards (S) (HD)

#### 10.00 Dark Water: the Mysterious Murder of Shani Warren

A look at the cold-case investigation into the killing of Shani Warren, who was found bound and gagged in Taplow Lake, Buckinghamshire, in April 1987. Director Marc Sigsworth (R) (S) (HD)

11.30 Sleeping with My Murderer 4/10. The story of 28-year-old Kylie Dembrey, a mother of two who was killed by her boyfriend in September 2018. First shown on 5 Star (S) (AD) (HD)

12.30am The Body in the Bathroom: the Murder of Naomi Hersi (R) (S) (HD) 1.20 Casino (S) (HD) **3.20** Friends (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **4.05** Bad Girls behind Bars (R) (S) (HD) **4.55** Friends (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **5.15** House Doctor (R) (S) (SL) 5.40-5.50am Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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**BBC4** listings are overleaf

#### BBC3



Such Brave Girls 10.00pm Josie, Billie and Deb think about death

7.00pm Top Gear

With Sharleen Spiteri, Seasick Steve and Tinie Tempah. More tomorrow 7pm. (S) (HD) Followed by New. The Catch Up (S) (HD)

#### 8.00 Race across the World

7/9 Series 3. To reach the checkpoint at the seaside town of Liverpool, Nova Scotia, the teams travel through the Maritimes Continues tomorrow 8pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 New. Charlotte in Sunderland **9/10** Series 2. Gary and Letitia take the family on a campervan holiday. (S) (HD) **9.30 New. 10/10.** A special trip to Dubai sees Charlotte and Jake celebrate their anniversary. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

10.00 New. Such Brave Girls

**5/6.** After visiting their nan in hospital, Deb, Billie and Josie find their own ways to process death. (S) (AD) (HD) **10.30 New. 6/6.** Josie writes a speech to tell her dad how she feels. The whole series is on iPlayer. See page 81. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.55 New. Love, Victor

5/8 Series 3. Victor goes on an adventure to move on from relationships. (S) (HD) 11.20 New. 6/8. Mia receives a call from her father and Victor helps a classmate. The whole series is on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

#### 11.50 Charlotte in Sunderland As 9pm/9.30pm.

12.50am Such Brave Girls (S) (AD) (HD) 1.45 Ellie and Natasia (S) (HD) 2.00 Hunting the Rolex Rippers (S) (HD) **2.30** Santa Claus the Serial Killer: double bill (S) (HD) **3.30–4.00am** People Just Do Nothing (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

BC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 **Sky** 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) **Virgin** 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

#### ITV2



**6.00am** CITV (S) (HD) **9.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **10.00** Secret Crush (S) (HD) 11.00 Dress to Impress (S) (HD) 12 noon I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! Shown yesterday 9pm | TV1 (HD) **1.30pm** In for a Penny: Stephen Mulhern hosts (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** Supermarket Sweep (S) (HD) **3.00** Secret Crush (S) (HD) **4.00** Dress to Impress (S) (HD) **5.00** I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! Shown yesterday 9pm ITV1 (S) (HD)

6.30pm In for a Penny Stephen Mulhern sets challenges in Birmingham. (S) (AD) (HD)
7.00 Family Fortunes A family from Clactonon-Sea take on a family from Ayr. (S) (HD) **8.00 Bob's Burgers** Series 12. Tina writes about a futuristic world. (S) (AD) (HD) **8.30** Tina embarks on a mission. (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00 Family Guy** Series 18. Peter and Lois tell the kids how they met. (S) (AD) (HD) **9.30** The Griffins recount their own versions of three famous love stories. (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00 Plebs 5/8** Series 2. The boys buy an ntric slave called Mushki. (S) (ÁD) (HĎ) 10.30 6/8. Rome holds an elections so Marcus and Stylax sign up as hired clappers. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 Family Guy Series 18. The Griffins family go on a rock music cruise. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.30 American Dad! Series 14. Francine and Hayley take a break, while Stan and Jeff pretend to be frontiersmen. (S) (AD) (HD) 12 midnight Hayley and Jeff move into a van and start living on the open road. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.30am Don't Hate the Playaz (S) (HD) 1.15 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) 1.45 Unwind (S) (HD) 3.00 Home Shopping (HD) 5.00 Unwind (S) (HD) 5.10–6.00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315

ITV3



Grantchester 10.00pm An anxious Geordie turns to Leonard for advice

**6.00am** Classic Emmerdale (S) **7.05** Classic Coronation Street (S) (AD) **8.10** Never the Twain: the pair offer their advice on marriage; **8.40** Simon feels a void in his life (S) **9.15** Wild at Heart: **7/10** Series 6. Danny and Alice are divided when Peeters asks for help with some rogue hyenas Repeated 12.05am; **10.20 8/10.** Danny realises he may have to sacrifice his principles in order to save Leopard's Den Repeated 1.10am (S) (AD) (HD) **11.25** Maigret: **2/6** Series 1. Maigret and the Burglar's Wife. Maigret investigates when an ace safe-cracker finds a body (S) (AD)

12.35pm Heartbeat: 3/15. Tragedy strikes at the heart of Aidensfield (S) (AD) 1.40 Classic Emmerdale: double bill. Debbie escapes through Andy's bedroom window to avoid a vengeful Cain, then Colleen tells Carl she wants a divorce (S) **2.40** Classic Coronation Street: double bill. Cilla and Les take Chesney to hospital to get checked out, then Rita is taken to the police station for questioning (S) (AD) **3.50** Midsomer Murders: Series 8 Second Sight. A man dies outside a pub after a fight with his brother-in-law (S) (AD)

#### 5.50pm Downton Abbey

3/7 Series 1. When Evelyn Napier arrives at Downton to go riding with the local hunt, Mary finds herself attracted to his friend. Continues tomorrow 5.50pm, (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 6.55 Heartbeat

4/15 Series 5. Nick struggles with parental responsibility alone, while coming to terms with Kate's death. (S) (AD)

#### 8.00 Endeavour

4/4 Series 3. Coda. DC Morse has trouble in his personal life when he's asked to monitor the movements of the estranged wife of his old college mentor, (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 Grantchester

3/6 Series 4. A computer laboratory head dies from mercury poisoning. (S) (AD) (HD) 11.05 4/6. Will and Geordie try to determine the cause of a woman's death. Continues tomorrow 10pm. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.05am Wild at Heart Shown 9.15am/10.20am (S) (AD) (HD) **2.10-2.30am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 **+1 F'view** 59 *(9pm–4am)* **F'sat** 116 **Sky** 219 **Virgin** 317

6.00am World of Sport (S) (HD) 6.05 Minder (S) (SL) (AD) 7.05 The Sweeney (S) (SL) 8.05 The Champions (S) **9.10** Robin of Sherwood: a mysterious prisoner is rescued (S) **10.25** Magnum, PI (S) (HD) **11.25** BattleBots (S) (HD) 12.30pm The Champions (S) 1.35 Robin of Sherwood (S) **2.45** Magnum, PI (S) (HD) **3.45** The Sweeney (S) **4.55** Minder (S) (AD) 6.00pm BattleBots The robots gear up to

guarantee their spot in the top 16. (S) (HD) **7.00 The Grand Fishing Adventure** The second leg sees Ali Hamidi and Bobby Zamora venture to Lake Orellana in Spain, (S) (HD) 8.00 Junk and Disorderly Henry and Sam are hunting for motorcycles, memorabilia and some massive cash potential. (S) (HD) 9.00 FILM Casino Royale ★★★★ Spy

adventure starring Daniel Craig. James Bond is awarded his licence to kill and sets off in pursuit of Le Chiffre, a corrupt banker who finances terrorism. Realising that Le Chiffre needs to win big on the gaming tables to pay off a client, Bond formulates a plan to ruin him in a poker game. Review p87. (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **12.05am New.** All Elite Wrestling: Collision (S) (HD) **2.05–3.00am** Minder (S) (SL) (AD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

Drama



PD James: The Murder Room 8.00pm Martin Shaw stars as Adam Dalgliesh

**7.10am** All Creatures Great and Small Repeated 4.15pm (S) **8.00** Doctors: double bill. Ben treats a youngster with leukaemia, then a child must choose between his parents **9.20** Classic Holby City: Mary-Claire and Harry struggle to see eve to eve Repeated 2.55am (S) (HD) **10.40** Casualty: a riot breaks out at the local prison **11.50** The Bill: new recruit DC Suzie Sim makes an impressive debut

12.50pm Classic EastEnders: double bill. Chrissie finally puts all the pieces of the jigsaw together, then she takes her revenge **2.05** Pie in the Sky: **6/6** Series 4. Robbers target the restaurant (S) **3.05** Berger Series 7. Jim plans a quiet weekend **4.15** All Creatures Great and Small: **12/12** Series 5 Two of a Kind. Television comes to the Dales Shown 7.10am **5.25** The Upper Hand: **1/14** Series 6. Charlie is forced to find extra work

#### 6.00pm 'Allo 'Allo!

2/6 Series 9. A Tour de France. René is imprisoned by communist leader Louise. (S)

6.40 Last of the Summer Wine Series 23. The Incredible Ordeal of Norman Clegg. Clegg keeps a secret for Howard. (S) **7.20 Beware of the Hot Dog.** Wesley and Barry devise a catering plan. (S)

8.00 PD James: The Murder Room 1/2. Commander Adam Dalgliesh probes a case involving a family at loggerheads and a death that imitates an exhibition dedicated to real-life murders. (S)

#### 10.00 New Tricks

8/8 Series 2. 17 Years of Nothing An eccentric pathologist joins the team to reopen the case of a young woman found dead in woodland in 1987. (S) (AD)

#### 11.20 Dalziel & Pascoe

3/5 Series 11. Demons on Our Shoulders When a TV mind-control experiment results in murder, the duo are drawn into the world of the paranormal. (S) (AD)

1.35am Gentleman Jack: 6/8 Series 1. Anne is forced to contemplate a heartbreaking decision (S) (AD) (HD) 2.55-4.00am Classic Holby City Shown 9.20am (SL)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116 +1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316



7.00am Buying and Selling (S) (HD) 8.00 Making It Home with Kortney and Dave (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe: children's programmes (HD) 12 noon Sugar Showdown (S) (HD) 12.25pm The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills (S) (HD) **1.20** The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD) **2.05** The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD) **3.05** Million Dollar Listing: NYC (S) (HD) **4.05** New. The Real Housewives of Dubai: double bill (S) (HD)

6.00pm Making It Home with Kortney and Dave Ted and Shannon ask Kortney and **7.00** The **Big Bake: Holiday** Brad Smith asks the teams to capture Santa's reindeer. (S) (HD) **8.00** The baking teams imagine what Mr and Mrs Claus do on a day off. (S) (HD) 9.00 New. Billie and Greg: the Family **Diaries** The Shepherds are abuzz as Nelly has a photo shoot for her designer range. (S) (HD) **10.00 New. Love Island: Australia** Sophie Monk hosts the Australian reality show. (S) (HD) **11.10 The Cabins** Love is in the air for one couple, while one dater might have reached a roadblock they cannot overcome. (S) (HD) **12.10am** The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD) **12.55–1.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319



### WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER

### More4

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**Stephen Fry: the Heroes that WW2 Forgot** 9.00pm A tale of heroism

**8.55am** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures **9.15** A Place in the Sun **10.05** A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now? 11.05 Find It, Fix It, Flog It **1.10pm** Car SOS (AD) **2.10** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It (AD) **3.10** Four in a Bed **5.50** The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes (AD) **6.55pm Escape to the Château** Dick buys himself a mini tractor as he sets out to tame the walled garden in the spring, but can he actually get it through the gate? Meanwhile, Angel designs the Boudoir Suite and there's a wedding proposal in the dining room. (AD) **7.55 The Dog House** At Woodgreen Pets Charity, timid puppy Harry attempts to win over a new set of potential owners. And will grumpy westie Hamish be persuaded to share a smile, and his beloved toy? (AD) 9.00 Stephen Fry: the Heroes that WW2 Forgot During the German occupation of the Netherlands in the Second World War, painter Willem Arondeus and cellist Frieda Belinfante used their artistic skills to forge identity cards that helped to save thousands of Jews from the Nazi death camps. (AD)

10.35 24 Hours in A&E A 53-year-old man is rushed into hospital with severe chest and lung injuries after coming off his bike. (AD) **11.35 999: on the Front Line** Paramedic Rob Armstrong fights to save the life of a truck driver who is having a heart attack.

12.40am Emergency Helicopter Medics (AD)

1.40 24 Hours in A&E (AD) 2.40-3.45am

Food Unwrapped Does Christmas (AD) More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

#### **E4** 13

**6.00am** Hollyoaks Shown last Friday/Monday 7pm (AD) **7.00** How I Met Your Mother: double bill (AD) **8.00** Baby Daddy **9.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **11.00** The Goldbergs (AD)

12 noon The Big Bang Theory (AD) 2.00pm
The Goldbergs (AD) 3.00 Modern Family
4.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine: double bill (AD)
5.00 The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD)
6.00pm The Big Bang Theory 13/24
Series 6. The guys are stranded in the middle of nowhere when Leonard's car is stolen. (AD)
6.30 14/24. Sheldon works with Kripke. (AD)
7.00 Hollyoaks Ste panics about his son's whereabouts. Repeated Friday 6.30am (AD)
7.30 Young Sheldon 4/22 Series 5
Meemaw opens a gambling room. (AD)
8.00 Modern Family 5/24 Series 1. The family attends a barbecue at Gloria and Jay's house.
8.30 6/24. The first day of school arrives.
9.00 Gogglebox Appraisals of shows including Rise and Fall and Challenge Anneka. (AD)
10.00 Naked Attraction A 22-year-old and 25-year-old seek their perfect partners. (AD)
11.05 First Dates Singer Teddy turns to jelly when his companion begins to fiftr. (AD)
12.10am Gogglebox (SL) (AD) 1.15 Married at First Sight Australia 2.40 Below Deck Sailing Yacht (AD)
3.30 Gogglebox (SL) (AD) 1.15 Married at First Sight Australia 2.40 Below Deck Sailing Yacht (AD)
3.30 Gogglebox (SL) (AD) 4.25 How I Met Your Mother (AD) 4.50-6.00am The Neighborhood

E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 +1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

#### Really 17

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea 7.00 Home Shopping 8.00 Salvage Hunters 10.00 Yorkshire Auction House 11.00 Antiques Road Trip 12 noon Money for Nothing 1.00pm A Place in the Sun 2.00 My 600lb Life 4.00 Animal Cops Miami (AD) 5.00 Helicopter ER 6.00 Yorkshire Auction House 7.00 Antiques Road Trip 9.00 New. Dr Pimple Popper 10.00 New. Dr Pimple Popper 10.00 New. Dr Pimple Popper 10.00 New. Dr Pimple Popper Shopping 4.00 Animal Cops Miami (AD) 5.00-6.00am Salvage Hunters Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

#### Sky Arts



**Portrait Artist of the Year** 8.00pm Presenter Joan Bakewell takes a seat

**6.00am** Reinventing the Orchestra with Charles Hazlewood **7.00** André Rieu: Welcome to My World **8.00** The Joy of Painting: double bill (AD) **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering: Forest Whitaker 12 noon The Joy of Painting (AD) 1.00pm Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **2.00** National Treasures: the Art of Collecting (AD) **3.00** Julie Andrews Forever (AD) **4.00** Discovering: Sigourney Weaver **5.00** The Joy of Painting 6.00pm Tales of the Unexpected A police constable is used as a decoy. (AD) **6.30** A man falls in love with his ex-wife. (AD) 7.00 Portrait Artist of the Year Celebrities v Kids Special Famous faces paint alongside six school pupils. (AD) 8.00 New. Portrait Artist of the Year The winner of the competition is revealed. **9.00 New.** Following the winner as they paint conservationist Jane Goodall.

10.00 New. Discovering: Sean Penn A profile of the Oscar-winning actor. Last in series.

11.00 New. Sky Arts Ambassador **Bursary Shorts** Behind the scenes at Akram Khan's dance company. **11.10 Freddie Mercury: Auction Special** A sale of the Queen frontman's personal effects. **12.10am** Spike Milligan: the Unseen Archive (AD) **1.40** Leonardo da Vinci: the Universal Man **2.50** Arcimboldo, Portrait of an Audacious Man **4.00** The Agatha Christie Hour: a man becomes a suspect (AD) 5.00-6.00am Cheltenham Literature Festival **Sky Arts Freeview** 36 **Freesat** 147 **Sky** 130 (131 Scotland) **Virgin** 140/**HD** 123 **EE** 350/**HD** 365

#### 4seven

9.00am Come Dine with Me: from Essex
11.30 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas (AD)
1.30pm A Place in the Sun 2.30 Come Dine
with Me 5.00 The Great House Giveaway
6.00pm A Place in the Sun A pair seek the
perfect holiday home in Spain's Almería region.
7.00 Sandra and Dave are looking for a
home in southern Alicante. Shown 4pm C4.
8.00 The Great Celebrity Bake Off for
Stand Up to Cancer With Ruby Wax, Gareth
Malone, Laura Whitmore and Yung Filly.
Shown yesterday 8pm Channel 4 (AD)
9.00 24 Hours in Police Custody
Peature-length special telling the inside story
of an armed siege in a Bedford tower block.
See choice, page 51. Shown Sunday 9pm C4
10.45 Murdered: the Baby on the Beach
1/3. Documentary revisiting a case that
sparked outrage among women across Ireland.
See choice, p51. Shown Sunday 10.35pm C4
11.45 2/3. Irish police are determined to
prove the murdered baby belongs to Joanne
Hayes. See choice, p61. Shown Monday 10pm C4
12.45am 3/3. The tribunal of inquiry
continues. In 2018, new evidence comes to light.
See choice, p61. Shown Mon 1.05pm C4 (AD)
1.45 Gogglebox (AD) 3.50–4.55am Eight out of
Ten Cats Does Countdown Christmas Special

**4seven F'view** 49 **F'sat** 127 **Sky** 137 (138 Scot) **Virgin** 143

#### Quest

6.00am How Do They Do It? 6.30 Shed and Buried 7.00 The Repair Shop 8.00 American Pickers (AD) 10.00 Chasing Classic Cars 11.00 Extreme Car Hoarders 12 noon How Do They Do It? 1.00pm Money for Nothing 2.00 The Repair Shop 3.00 Find It, Fix It, Drive It 4.00 Salvage Hunters 5.00 Salvage Hunters: the Restorers 6.00 Wheeler Dealers (AD) 7.00 Aussie Gold Hunters 8.00 Salvage Hunters 9.00 The Edinburgh Auction House 10.00 The Repair Shop 11.00 How Do They Do It?: double bill 12 midnight Wheeler Dealers (AD) 1.00am Cornwall Air 999 2.00 Chasing Classic Cars 3.00 Extreme Car Hoarders 4.00-5.00am How It's Made

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

#### Yesterday



**Great Canal Journeys** 8.00pm Prunella and Timothy set off to explore Sweden

**6.10am** Hornby: a Model World (AD) **8.00** Abandoned Engineering (AD) **10.00** The World at War **11.00** Nazi Hunters

12 noon Great Continental Railway Journeys 1.00pm Antiques Roadshow 2.00 Bangers and Cash 4.00 Nazi Hunters: the hunt for Joachim Peiper 5.00 The World at War

6.00pm Great Continental Railway Journeys Michael Portillo travels down the spine of Italy, from Rome to Sicily via Naples. 7.00 Antiques Roadshow From the Queen's private residence at Balmoral, where items include a pot made by Pablo Picasso. 8.00 Great Canal Journeys Timothy West

8.00 Great Canal Journeys Timothy West and Prunella Scales travel coast to coast across Sweden beginning in Gothenburg, where they link up with the historic Gota Canal. 9.00 Bangers and Cash A Bradford-built 1952 Jowett Javelin finds an unexpected home. 10.00 A 1970s Bond Bug three-wheeler divides opinion among customers.
11.00 Abandoned Engineering Exploring a

11.00 Abandoned Engineering Exploring a resort in Argentina, a Greek palace above a Mexican city and a former hotel in Hawaii. (AD) 12 midnight Great British Railway Journeys 1.00am Hornby: a Model World (AD) 2.00–3.00am The Architecture the Railways Built (AD)

Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 +1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

#### Dave



7.10am Exploration Volcano (AD) 8.00 Cops on the Rock (AD) 9.00 Cop Car Workshop 10.00 Train Truckers 11.00 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure: a visit to Finland (AD) 12 noon Storage Hunters UK 2.00pm Top Gear (AD) 4.00 Cop Car Workshop 5.00 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure (AD) 6.00pm Rick Stein's Long Weekends The

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6.00pm Rick Stein's Long Weekends The chef visits the Greek city of Thessaloniki. (AD)

7.00 Richard Osman's House of Games
Jessie Cave, Ayesha Hazarika, Simon Hickson and AJ Pritchard test their knowledge.

7.40 With panellists Johnny Ball, Suzi Ruffell, Nina Wadia and Danny Wallace.

8.20 Would I Lie to You? With Josh Widdicombe, Gemma Cairney, Raj Bisram and Sophie Hermann. Hosted by Rob Brydon.

9.00 QI XL Questions about humans.

10.00 I'll Get This With Josh Widdicombe, Adrian Chiles, Melvin Odoom and Holly Walsh.

10.40 With Dotty, Russell Kane, Richard Madeley, Steph McGovern and Steve Pemberton.

11.20 Live at the Apollo Jamali Maddix introduces Fern Brady and Sindhu Vee.

12.20am Mock the Week 1.00 Would I Lie to You? 1.40 Mel Giedroy: Unforgivable

2.45-4.00am All Girls Live at the Apollo

Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

#### Sky Mix

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7.00am Border Security: America's Front Line 8.00 Nothing to Declare 9.00 Motorway Patrol (AD) 10.00 UK Border Force (AD) 11.00 Highway Patrol: double bill 12 noon Motorway Patrol 1.00pm Border Patrol 2.00 Border Security: America's Front Line 3.00 Nothing to Declare (AD) 4.00 Stargate Atlantis 5.00 Stargate SG-1 6.00pm Star Trek: Enterprise: the crew takes refuge during a radioactive storm. 7.00 Star Trek: Voyager 8.00 New. NCIS: Los Angeles: the team investigates the mysterious kidnapping of a military working dog First shown on Sky Max 9.00 The Disappearance of Susan Cox Powell 10.45 Britain's Most Evil Killers 11.40 World's Most Evil Killers (AD) 12.35am The Force: Manchester 1.30 Road Wars 2.30 Highway Patrol 4.00 Motorway Patrol (AD) 5.00-6.00am Highway Cops: double bill Sky Mix Freeview II Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

#### 5 USA

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9.00am NCIS (AD) 9.55 Entertainment News 10.00 NCIS (AD) 12 noon Law & Order 2.55pm Entertainment News 3.00 Law & Order 4.55 Entertainment News 5.00 Law & Order 6.00 NCIS Series 13. Triple bill. Tony's identity is stolen by fraudsters seeking to blackmail US senators 7.00 Gibbs teams up with his old friend Senior FBI Agent TC Fornell to track down two British prisoners 8.00 Gibbs is suspicious when a teenager foils a home invasion (AD) 9.00 Criminal Minds Series 8. 10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Series 10. Triple bill. 12.55am Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 2.50 Blacklist 3.35-4.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera 5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) +1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

#### 5 Star



**8.00am** Entertainment News **8.05** Bargain Loving Brits by the Sea **10.05** GPs: behind Closed Doors (AD) **12.05pm** Traffic Cops **2.05** Police Interceptors: triple bill

5.10pm FILM Christmas Ever After ★★
Romance. A novelist stays at a snowy B&B
for Christmas, but suffers writer's block.
Inspiration comes from the lodge's new owner
7.00 GPs: behind Closed Doors
A woman is treated after losing weight

A woman is treated after losing weight at a potentially dangerous rate. (AD) 8.00 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts Cold winter weather causes a spike in admissions at Barnsley Hospital.

In admissions at Barnisley Hospital.

9.00 New. Trauma Room One 7/8. Sofia needs an operation for a Chiari malformation.

10.00 999: Critical Condition The team treats a man who has sustained injuries after being trapped upside down in his car.

11.00 Skin A&E A facial cyst is surgically removed. Curtis, who is 26, seeks help for a condition he has lived with for 16 years. (AD)

12 midnight Revenge: three episodes

2.35–3.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera (AD)

5 Star Freeview 32 Freesat 131 Sky 128 (129 Scotland)

**5 Star Freeview** 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

#### 5 Action

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9.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera 9.30
Winter Road Rescue 10.30 Motorway Cops:
Catching Britain's Speeders 11.30 FILM
Pillars of the Sky \*\* Western with Lee Marvin
1.25pm FILM North West Mounted Police
\*\* Adventure starring Gary Cooper. Review
page 87 4.00 Winter Road Rescue 5.00
Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders
6.00pm Police Interceptors A drunk driver
damages one of the team's favourite cars.
7.00 A Christmas party becomes a riot.
8.00 A runaway suspect puts a life in danger.
9.00 FILM The Specialist \*\*\* Thriller
starring Sylvester Stallone and Sharon Stone.
A woman enlists an explosives expert to
help avenge the murder of her parents.
But his past is catching up with him, and her
allegiances are more complex than they seem.
11.15 FILM Rage \* Thriller starring Nicolas
Cage. Ex-gangster Paul is intent on rebuilding
his life. But when his daughter is kidnapped,
he recruits the help of his old associates in
order to bring the perpetrator to justice.
1.20am Trucking Hell 2.20 Winter Road Rescue
2.555-3.00am Entertainment News
5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

#### 5 Select



9.00am Cash in the Attic 11.00 The Yorkshire Vet 12 noon FILM The Nine Kittens of Christmas ★★ 1.50pm Entertainment News 2.00 The Yorkshire Vet 4.00 The Highland Vet 5.00 Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild 6.00pm Walking Victorian Britain Onyeka Nubia explores the history of Edinburgh. 7.00 World War II in Colour In the Pacific. 8.00 Secrets of the Lost Warships How the USS Nevada survived a nuclear bomb. 9.00 Nazi Killing Fields The Arnsberg Forest massacre and how it went unpunished. 10.00 The Blitz: Britain on Fire The importance of morale during the Blitz. 11.00 Great British Ships A look at the secrets of Nelson's flagship HMS Victory. 12 midnight Forged in Fire 1.55am The Blacklist 2.50-3.00am Entertainment News 5 Select F'view (H0 only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

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BBC News Freeview 231 Freesat 212 Sky 503 Virgin 601 Sky News Freeview 233 Freesat 202 Sky 501 Virgin 603 EE 313

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# WEDNESDAY Freeview & films



**Property Brothers: Forever Homes** 6.00pm The Scotts

6.10am Rachel Khoo's Kitchen Notebook: Cosmopolitan Cook 7.00 My Dream Home 8.00 Tipping Point **10.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **1.00pm** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars 4.00 My Dream Home

6.00pm Property Brothers: orever Homes Stephanie and Chris look to make their space more flexible for everyone. (AD)

7.00 DIY SOS: the Big Build The team transforms the home of a family in Plymouth.

8.00 Emergency: First Time Medics Claire tries to help a cancer patient who's bleeding heavily. (AD)

9.00 24 Hours in A&E The team treats a man injured in a collapsed garage incident. 10.00 A young man is treated after a motorcycle accident.

11.00 999 Rescue Squad A biker without a helmet crashes. **12 midnight** One Born Every Minute: a mother-to-be with a heart defect **1.00am** Plate of Origin **2.20–3.00am** Inside the Ambulance

**W** F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

#### HGTV

7.00am The Saved and Remade Workshop 8.00 The Great Interior Design Challenge (AD) 9.00 A Place in the Sun 10.00 Escape to the Country 11.00 Your Garden Made Perfect 12 noon The Saved and Remade Workshop 1.00pm New. Bargain Mansions (AD) **2.00** Flip or Flop **3.00** The Great Interior Design Challenge (AD) **4.00** Escape to the Country **5.00** The Saved and Remade Workshop 6.00 Salvage Hunters: the Restorers - Quick Fixes 7.00 Money for Nothing 8.00 Rock the Block 9.00 Good Bones 10.00 New. Good Bones (AD) 11.00 Bargain Mansions (AD) **12 midnight** Your Garden Made Perfect **1.00am** The Saved and Remade Workshop 2.00 The Great Interior Design Challenge (AD)

3.00-4.00am My Lottery Dream Home

#### **London Live**

+1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

★ 3.05 FILM Tomorrow We Live \*\*\* (BW) **4.45** The Avengers (BW) **6.00pm** London Live News **7.00** Planet without Apes **8.00** Forgotten Frontlines **9.00** Murder Most Horrid **9.45** Secrets of London with Mark lonroe 10.00 Murder in Suburbia 11.00 FILM Fast of Flenhant Rock \*\* 1.00am FILM Listen ★★★ Drama with Lúcia Moniz 2.35 London Districts 3.00 Discover London 3.30 News Rewind 5.00-6.00am Talking Points

London Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

#### Food Network 43



**Rick Stein's Food Heroes** 9.00pm Turkey and trimmings

6.00am New. The Kitchen 7.00 Holiday Baking Championship 8.00 The Great British Bake Off (AD) **9.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas 9.30 Jamie's Family Christmas 10.00 Farmhouse Rules 10.30 Giada's Holiday Handbook 11.00 Gordon's Ultimate Seasonal Specials **12 noon** The Pioneer Woman **12.30pm** Girl Meets Farm 1.00 Marcus Wareing at Christmas 1.30 Jamie's Family Christmas **2.00** The Great British Bake Off (AD) 3.00 Gordon's Ultimate Seasonal Specials **4.00** Rick Stein's Food Heroes Christmas Special (AD) **5.00** The Pioneer Woman 5.30 Girl Meets Farm **6.00pm** The Great British Bake Off (AD) **7.00 New.** Marcus Wareing at Christmas: dishes from across Europe **7.30** Jamie's Family Christmas **8.00** Gordon's Ultimate Seasonal Specials **9.00** Rick Stein's Food Heroes (AD) **10.00** Michel Roux: Christmas in Provence 11.00

New. Holiday Baking Championship
12 midnight Buddy vs Dulf 1.00am
Michel Roux: Christmas in Provence
2.00–3.00am Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdown

Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140 (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot)

#### **Great TV**

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 9.00 Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **11.00** Castle 1.00pm Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 5.00 Murder She Wrote **7.00** M\*A\*S\*H **9.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased): a crook gives Jeff 24 hours to come up with £125,000 in bonds 10.00 The Persuaders!: a photographer assists in smuggling a gangster out of Italy **11.00** Return of the Saint **12 midnight** M\*A\*S\*H **2.00am** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 3.00 The Persuaders! **3.50** Movie News **4.00** Castle **4.50–5.00am** Movie News

**Great TV** Freeview 50 *(limited)* Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

#### True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives 11.00 Evidence of Evil **1.00pm** The Jury Room 3.00 Medical Detectives 5.00 Evidence of Evil: two editions. Following the investigation into the death of Belen Perez, then the story of an innocent victim lured to his death and how cutting-edge forensics identified the culprits **7.00** Judge Judy: court cases **1.00am** Evidence of Evil **3.00** The Jury Room **4.50** Medical Detectives 5.40-6.00am Judge Judy

True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 **Sky** 147 **Virgin** 172

#### BBC Parliament 232

**7.00am** Health and Social Care Questions **8.00** House of Commons 9.30 Live Select Committees 11.30 ive Wales Office Questions 12 Live Prime Minister's Questions 12.35pm Live House of Commons: the day's proceedings in the House of Commons 7.30 Live House of Lords: proceedings in the House of Lords 10.00 Prime Minister's Questions 10.35 Lords Questions 11.15-7.00am House of Lords **BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201** Sky 504 Virgin 605

#### PBS America 84



The Coup, the Torture and the West 9.40pm Pinochet

6.00am Plane Crash Re-created 6.55 Jazz 8.00 Beautiful Serengeti 8.30 World of Stonehenge 9.40 Auschwitz in 33 Objects **10.50** KGB: the Sword and the Shield **12 noon** Augusto Pinochet: the Coup, the Torture and the West 1.00pm Beautiful Serengeti **1.45** World of Stonehenge **2.55** Auschwitz in 33 Objects 4.00 KGB: the Sword and the Shield 5.05 Augusto Pinochet: the Coup, the Torture and the West

6.10pm World of Stonehenge 3/4. Stone Age monuments.

7.20 Auschwitz in 33 Objects 3/5. Stories of the prisoners.

8.35 KGB: the Sword and the Shield 3/3. The supreme authority of the Kremlin under Putin.

9.40 Augusto Pinochet: the Coup, the Torture and the West The regime of General Pinochet.

10.40 Auschwitz in 33 Objects 12 midnight as 8.35pm 1.05am Beautiful Serengeti 1.40 as 6.10pm 2.40 as 9.40pm 3.30 Plane Crash Re-created 4.25–6.00am Jazz PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only)

Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

6.00am Hardcore Pawn 7.20 Rust Valley Restorers **8.15** Ancient Aliens **10.10** Gold Hunters: the egend of the Superstition Mountains 11.10 Digging for Britain 12.10pm The Proof is Out There 1.05 Pawn Stars 2.05 Container Wars **2.35** Hardcore Pawn **4.00** Ancient Aliens **6.00** Rust Valley Restorers **7.00** Storage Wars **7.30** New. Container Wars **8.00** Dickinson's Real Deal **9.00 New** Paranormal Survivor: occasions when multiple people have seen the same spirit **10.00** New. Haunted Hospitals: in a Carolina hospital ward, patients report seeing a ghostly figure **11.00** Secrets in the Ice 12 midnight Hunting Nazi Treasure 1.00am Britain's Secret Islands 2.00 Irish Pickers 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal 3.45 Storage Wars 4.10 Alone 5.00-6.00am Pawn Stars

Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Skv 164 Virgin 174

#### Challenge

7.00am The Chase 10.00 Cash in the Attic **11.00** Bargain Hunt **12 noon** Wheel of Fortune (AD) 1.00pm Tenable: quiz show hosted by Warwick Davis in which a team of five friends from Hertfordshire answers questions about top ten lists 2.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? 3.00 Cash in the Attic **4.00** Bargain Hunt **5.00** Bullseye **6.00pm** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? 7.00 Weakest Link: Anne Robinson hosts the general knowledge quiz **8.00** The Chase: double bill of the game show presented by Bradley Walsh 10.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Chris Tarrant hosts the classic hig-prize quiz 11.00 Tenable 12 midnight Weakest Link 1.00am
Cash Trapped 2.00 The Chase
4.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?
5.00-6.00am Bullseye: double bill

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

### CHILDREN'S FILMS

#### Milkshake! on C5

5.40am Pip and Posy 5.45 Paw Patrol 6.00 New. Milkshake! News 6.10 New. Badgers 6.15 Sunny Bunnies 6.20 Peppa Pig 6.25 Oggy Oggy 6.35 Odo 6.40 New. Tweedy & Fluff 6.45 Fireman Sam 6.55 Thomas & Friends 7.10 Peppa Pig 7.20 Paw Patrol 7.35 Pip and Posy 7.40 The Adventures of Paddington 8.00 New. Animal Care Club 8.15 Milo 8.30 Paw Patrol 8.45 Chin and Potato 8.55 Penpa Pic 5.40am Pip and Posy 5.45 Paw Patrol Chip and Potato **8.55** Peppa Pig **9.05–9.15am New.** Jen's Jolly Bakes Full listings for Channel 5 are on p84

#### **CBeebies**

6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 Vegesaurs 6.10 Bing 6.20 Teletubbies 6.35 Tee and Mo 6.40 Chuggington 6.50 Bing 7.00 Colourblocks 7.05 Hey Duggee 7.20 Bluey 7.40 Go Jetters 7.50 Peter Rabbit 8.05 Octonauts 8.15 Numberblocks 8.20 Alphablocks 8.25 New. Nick Cope's Popcast 8.35 Justin's House 9.00 Bing 9.10 Yakka Deel 9.15 Love Monster 9.20 Dipdap 9.25 Colourblocks 9.30 Twiriywoos
9.45 Something Special 10.00 My
Petsaurus 10.05 Teletubbies 10.20
The Toddler Club 10.35 Tiny Wonders
10.40 New. Olga Da Polga 10.50
Gecko's Garage 10.55 Bluey 11.00
Supertato 11.10 Let's Go for a Walk
11.25 Nick Cope's Popcast 11.30
Teeny Tiny Creatures 11.45 Our Family
12 noon Big Cook Little Cook
12.20pm Waffle the Wonder Dog
12.30 Get Well Soon 12.40 Safari
Adventures 1.00 Yakka Deel 1.05
Numberblocks 1.10 Alphablocks 1.15
Hey Duggee 1.25 Love Monster 1.40
Colourblocks 1.45 Something Special 9.25 Colourblocks 9.30 Twirlywoos Colourblocks 1.45 Something Special 2.00 My Petsaurus 2.05 Teletubbies 2.20 Dipdap 2.25 Supertato 2.30 Go Jetters 2.45 Maddie's Do You Know? **3.00** Prehistoric Adventures **3.10** Our Family **3.15** New. Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest 3.30 Love Monster 3.40 Hey Duggee 3.45 Peter Rabbit 4.00 New. Dog Squad 4.10 Eco Quest Minis 4.15 The Game Catchers 4.25 Bluey 4.40 Ine came Catchers 4.25 Bluey 4.40 Supertato 4.45 Go Jetters 5.00 New. I Can Do It, You Can Too 5.15 Biff and Chip 5.25 Sarah & Duck 5.35 JoJo & Gran Gran 5.45 Moon and Me 6.10 Clangers 6.20 In the Night Garden... 6.50-7.00pm Bedtime Stories

CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

#### **CBBC**

**7.00am** Shaun the Sheep **7.05** Danger Mouse **7.20** Dennis & Gnasher **7.35** 7.00am Shaun the Sheep 7.05 Danger Mouse 7.20 Dennis & Gnasher 7.35 New. Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 7.45 New. Newsround 7.55 Grizzy and the Lemmings 8.00 New. Andy and the Band 8.20 Odd Squad 8.30 Monster Loving Maniacs 8.40 Do Try This at Home 9.10 Deadly 60 9.40 Andy and the Band 9.55 Nine Minute Ninja 10.05 Lagging 10.30 Horrible Histories 10.55 Shark Bites 11.00 Bitesize Daily 11.20 Out of This World 11.35 Our School 11.55 Danger Mouse 12.20pm Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 12.55 Dennis & Gnasher 1.30 Grizzy and the Lemmings 1.45 Summer Camp Island 1.55 Katy 2.25 Jamie Johnson FC 2.55 The Zoo 3.05 Sketchy Comedy 3.10 The Deep 3.30 Danger Mouse 3.40 Ninja Express 3.55 Taffy 4.00 Grizzy and the Lemmings 4.20 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 4.30 Monster Loving Maniacs 4.40 Odd Squad 5.05 New. Total Dramarama 5.30 New. Pokémon Horizons 5.50 My Life 6.00 New. Quentin Blake's Box of Treasures 6.25 Nikki Lilly Meets 6.30 -7.00pm The Next Step 6.30-7.00pm The Next Step **CBBC F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701** 

#### ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

#### ITV2

6.00am DC Super Hero Girls 6.10 New. Teen Titans Go! 6.25 Dodo 6.50 Mr Bean 7.45-9.00am Scooby-Doo

#### **ITVBe**

9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Lily's Driftwood Bay 9.25 The Hive 9.35 Bobo 9.45 Claude 10.00 Oddbods 10.10 Ollie 10.15 The Sound Collector 10.25 Sooty 10.40 Pingu in the City 10.50 Bob the Builder: two episodes 11.15 New. Teletubbies Let's 60 11.25 Postman Pat 11.45–12 noon Mumfie

#### Film4

11.00am The Court-Martial of Billy Mitchell ★★★★ Gary Cooper plays a US Army general who dared to question bureaucracy in this true-life courtroom drama. (1955, U) (S)

1.05pm An Affair to Remember

★★★★ A man and woman agree to test the strength of their love by separating for six months in this stylish romantic drama. Review, right. Carv Grant, Deborah Kerr (1957, U) (S) (AD) 3.20 Tora! Tora! Tora! ★★★ Meticulous account of the Japanese attack on the US naval base at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941.

6.15pm X-Men: Apocalypse ★★★ A god-like immortal causes havoc for the mutant heroes in this spectacular if sprawling action adventure. Review, right. James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender (2016, 12) (S) (AD)

Martin Balsam, Jason Robards Jr (1970, U) (S)

9.00 ■ Pig ★★★ Slow-burning drama with Nicolas Cage as a truffle hunter whose porcine pal is pinched. Review, right. (2021, 15) (S)

10.50 The Bone Collector ★★★ A quadriplegic detective and a rookie cop team up to catch a killer in this intriguing crime thriller with impressive performances. Denzel Washington (1999, 15) (S) (AD)

1.10-3.30am The Girl on the **Train** ★★★ Neat if rather too tidy mystery thriller starring Emily Blunt as an alcoholic commuter who may have witnessed a murder. Rebecca Ferguson (2016, 15) (S) (AD)

melodrama about a Lancashire mill

Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 +1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

#### Talking Pictures TV

6.00am Burke's Law TV drama. 7.00 Hindle Wakes ★★ Romantic

lass who refuses to marry the boss's son. Lisa Daniely (1952, PG) (S) **8.45 Marked Men** ★★★ An escaped prisoner tracks a criminal through a desert to prove his innocence, Warren Hull (1940) (S) 10.00 Together TV drama. 10.35 The Other Love ★★ Even Barbara Stanwyck as a dying concert pianist cannot save this tear-jerker from its ludicrous storyline. (1947, PG) (S) **12.25pm Terminus** Documentary. (S) **1.00 It's** Great to Be Young ★★★★ John Mills stars as a trumpet-playing teacher in this charming musical comedy. **Review, right.** (1956, U) (S) 3.05 Forty Guns ★★★ Ruthless rancher Barbara Stanwyck and gunslinger-turned-sheriff Barry Sullivan are set f ullivan are set for confrontation in this western. Review, right, (1957, PG) (S) **4.50 Johnny Ringo** TV western.(S) **5.30 The Westerner** TV western. 6.00pm For the Love of Ada Vintage TV sitcom. (S) 6.35 Bulldog Drummond in Africa ★★ Brisk entry in the thriller series. John Howard (1938, U) (S)

8.00 Public Eye TV drama series. 9.05 Spring and Port Wine ★★★ James Mason stars as a dour Lancastrian in Bill Naughton's compelling adaptation of his own play. Susan George, Diana Coupland (1969, PG) (S) 11.05 Not Tonight, Darling \*

.ame erotic thriller. Luan Peters (1971, 18) (S) 12.50am Vengeance Is Mine ★

Overwrought low-budget revenge thriller. Valentine Dyall (1948) (S) **2.00 The Main Chance** TV drama. **3.00** Afraid of the Dark ★★★ Eerily effective thriller. James Fox, Fanny Ardant, Paul McGann (1991, 18) (S) 4,45-6,00am Inner Sanctum ★★ Convoluted

thriller. Mary Beth Hughes, Charles Russell (1948) (S) Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 Freesat 306 Sky 328 Virgin 445



#### Great Movies 34

9.00am A Date to Die For ★★
Predictable thriller. Victoria Pratt. Bart
Johnson (2015) 10.55 Killer Reputation
★★ Thriller about a high-profile
murder. Anna Hutchison (2019) 1.00pm
A Wedding to Remember ★★
Ho-hum TV-movie romcom. Cristina
Rosato, Greyston Holt (2021) 3.05 Sweet as
Maple Syrup ★★ Verdant romcom.
(202) 5.00 Willed to Kill ★★ Familiar
crime thriller. Sarah Jane Morris (2012)
7.05 pm Little Nikita ★★★

**7.05pm Little Nikita** ★★★ Entertaining cat-and-mouse spy thriller with Sidney Poitier as an FBI agent. River Phoenix, Richard Jenkins (1988, 12)

9.00 Eye for an Eye ★★
Convoluted homage to film noir
about an investigator who gets in
too deep. John Travolta, Morgan Freeman (2019, 15)
10.55 Alpha Dog ★★★ A

kidnapping goes tragically awry in this rambling but compelling crime drama. Emile Hirsch, Justin Timberlake (2006, 15)

**1.30am Manhattan Night** ★★ Hardboiled noir-like mystery starring Adrien Brody. (2016, 15) **4.00–5.40am** An Aurora Teagarden Mystery: A Bundle of Trouble

Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302 Sky 321 Virgin 425 +1 Freeview 61 (*limited* 10pm-5am) Sky 322

#### Great Action 42

8.00am Wild West Chronicles 8.30
They Rode West ★★★ Western.
Robert Francis (1954, U) 10.15 Eight Iron
Men ★★ Second World War drama.
Bonar Colleano (1952) 12 noon Wild West
Chronicles 1.00pm Jack McCall,
Desperado ★★ Civil War-set
western. George Montgomery (1953, U)

2.40 Masterson of Kansas ★★
Hokey but well-played western. George
Montgomery (1954, U) 4.15 Battle Honours
5.25 The Bamboo Prison ★★★

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Watchable drama. Robert Francis (1954)
7.05pm Arctic ★★★★ Gripping
survival drama in which Mads
Mikkelsen's stranded pilot must
cross a frozen wilderness. (2018 12)

9.00 Danger Close: the Battle of Long Tan ★★★ A unit of soldiers is surrounded by the Viet Cong in this predictable war thriller. (2019, 15)

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for general viewing, but some scenes may be unsuitable for young or sensitive children; 12,15,18

PG Parental Guidance -

11.25 Battle of the Bulge ★★ Low-budget depiction of the Second World War battle. Stephen Luke (2017, 15)

1.00am Area of Conflict ★ Macho revenge movie. Tino Struckmann, Ted McGinley (2017) 3.00 Wild West Chronicles 4.00-5.00am Battle for the Bulge

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited)
F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

#### Great Movies 52 Christmas

8.00am A Joyous Christmas ★★
A self-help author has a change of
heart. Natalie Knepp, Michael Rady (2017)
10.00 Christmas Next Door ★★
Surprisingly charming romance.
Jesse Metcalfe, Fiona Gubelmann (2017) 12 noon
Looks Like Christmas ★★ Sweet
romantic tale. Anne Heche, Dylan Neal (2016)
2.00pm Christmas Hero ★★
Overvurought romantic drama.
Anna Hutchison Marcus Rosner (2016) 4.00

Christmas in the Air \*\* Enjoyable romantic tale. Catherine Bell, Eric Close (2017)

6.00pm The Magic Stocking

\*\* Uplifting family fantasy.

Bridget Regan, Victor Webster (2015)

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**8.00 A Bramble House Christmas**★★ Reasonably well-played drama.
Autumn Reeser, David Haydn-Jones (2017)

10.00 Deck the Heart ★★ Stilted romance. Ashley Brinkman, Joe Kurak (2021)
12 midnight The Christmas Cabin ★★ Romantic comedy. (2019) 2.00am Highway to Heaven 3.00-5.00am

The Christmas Dance ★★ Cute and cheesy romance. Kristen Vaganos (2021) Great Movies Christmas Freeview 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (limited¹10pm·5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

#### Sky Premiere

6.00am Sky Cinema Preview 6.55
As 9.40pm 9.00 As 11.45pm 12.10pm
The 12 Days of Christmas Eve
★★★ Kelsey Grammer has a blast
as the Scrooge-like figure in this
sentimental time-loop comedy.
Spencer Grammer (2022) 2.00 As 8pm
3.50 Love Again ★★ Celine Dion
lends a little star power to this
schmaltzy romcom. Priyanka Chopra (2023, 12)

5.50pm The Three Musketeers:
D'Artagnan ★★★ Exciting
swashbuckling action adventure.
Review p38. François Civil (2023, 15)
8.00 Genie ★★★ Richard Curtis
scripts this clever, perfectly cheesy
festive comedy starring Melissa
McCarthy. Review p38. (2023)

9.40 A Thousand and One \*\*\*
Empathetic indie drama about the changing fortunes of a struggling single mother. Teyana Taylor (2023, 15)

11.45 Beau Is Afraid \*\*\*\*
A New Yorker faces a series of surreal obstacles while trying to visit his mother. Joaquin Phoenix (2023, 15)

**2.55am** As 12.10pm **4.35** Sky Cinema Preview **5.35** The Cinema List: Unmissable Sky Originals

**Sky Premiere Sky** 301 **Virgin** 401 **EE** 501/HD 515 **+1 Sky** 312

#### Legend

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8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger 9.00
The Six Million Dollar Man 10.00
Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 11.00
Treasure Guards \*\* Adventure.
Anna Friel, Raoul Bova (2011) 1.05pm Duel
\*\*\*\*\*\* A motorist is menaced by a rusting oil tanker in this effective thriller. Dennis Weaver (1971, P6) 2.50 The
Outlaw \*\* Laid-back western.
Jack Buetel (1943, I) 5.00 Star Trek
6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space

Nine TV sci-fi drama series.

7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man
TV sci-fi starring Lee Majors.

8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger
TV action drama with Church Norri

TV action drama with Chuck Norris.

9.00 Bird on a Wire \*\*\* Mel
Gibson plays a former drugs runner
who ends up on the run with old
flame Goldie Hawn. (1990. 15)

11.10 Every Last One of Them
★★ Convoluted vigilante thriller in
which a former soldier uncovers a
deep conspiracy. Paul Sloan (2021, 18)

T2.50am The Vault ★★ Uneasy mix of horror and heist drama.
Francesca Eastwood (2017, 15) 2.40-4.20am
Hostile ★★★ Well-acted post-

Hostile \*\*\* Well-acted postapocalypse chiller. Brittany Ashworth (2017, 15) Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

### Legend Xtra 🙉

8.00am 10.5 Apocalypse 10.00
Andromeda 11.00 End of the World
★ Awful disaster drama following a
family fleeing a series of natural
disasters. J Jhey Castles (2018, 15) 1.00pm
10.5 Apocalypse: disaster drama in
which a series of earthquakes,
volcanos and floods hits America.
3.00 Andromeda 4.00 Star Trek
5.00 The Blood Beast Terror ★
Peter Cushing struggles to avoid the
dodgy horror clichés in this clumsy
Victorian-era yarn. (1967, 12)
7.00pm Andromeda TV sci-fi

series starring Kevin Sorbo.

8.00 Star Trek TV sci-fi drama.

9.00 Shut In ★★ Daft and contrived psychodrama starring Naomi Watts as a widow living in self-imposed isolation with her teenade stepson. 0liver Platt (2016 15)

10.50 Iron Sky: the Coming
Race ★★ The moon-based
survivors of a nuclear winter search
for an everlasting power source
in this lavish but bonkers sci-fi
action sequel. Lara Rossi, Kit Dale (2018, 15)
1.00–3.00am Shut In As 9pm

Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Sky 317 Virgin 171 +1 F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371

# **FILM REVIEWS**



FILM OF THE DAY

■ Kindling ★★★

11.15pm-12.45am **BBC2** (not in N Ireland)

director Connor O'Hara touches tenderly on themes of friendship and mortality. George Somner plays Sid, a young man with incurable cancer, who lives with his parents. When his mates return from university for the summer, Sid plans a ceremonial bonfire that they can remember him by. Somner is excellent in the lead, delivering an authentic-feeling portrait of emotional struggle, while Mia McKenna-Bruce (above, with Somner) adds further poignancy to the story as Sid's friend Lily. KEVIN HARLEY (UK 2023, swearing, drug abuse, HD)

It's Great to Be Young

★★★ 1.00-2.50pm

Talking Pictures TV

MUSICAL This light-hearted comedy has a remarkable sense of pace and energy. John Mills stars as trumpet-playing, jazz-loving Mr Dingle, whose enforced resignation from Angel Hill School leads to a (very minor) revolution. The kids, led by Dorothy Bromiley and Jeremy Spenser, are charming, and thanks to Ted Willis's fine screenplay, the adults are utterly believable, too. TONY SLOMAN (UK 1956)

### An Affair to Remember ★★★★

1.05-3.20pm **Film4** 

ROMANCE Playboy Cary Grant meets his match in Deborah Kerr aboard a luxury liner in this memorable comedy of sexual manners. The atmosphere is all rhinestone-encrusted dresses, pressed dinner suits and raised champagne glasses, and although the second half slips off the boil somewhat, the cut-and-thrust dialogue is wonderful. SUE HEAL (US 1957, HD)

### North West Mounted Police ★★

1.25-4.00pm **5 Action** 

**ADVENTURE** Gary Cooper's Texas Ranger-turned-Mountie helps suppress a revolt by

settlers in Cecil B DeMille's good-looking but flat-footed period adventure. Madeleine Carroll and Paulette Goddard provide Cooper and buddy Robert Preston with the additional motivation they need to fulfil the Mounties' motto of always getting their man – or woman.

ADRIAN TURNER (US 1940, HD)

**Forty Guns** ★★★ 3.05-4.45pm

Talking Pictures TV

WESTERN Samuel Fuller was one of American cinema's true mavericks, and his films (including *The Big Red One* and *Underworld USA*) have achieved a cult status. This stylishly photographed western casts Barbara Stanwyck as a ruthless Arizona rancher who is a law unto herself, until marshal Barry Sullivan turns up. In its fairly short running time, not a second is wasted. **TS** (US 1957, BW)

X-Men: Apocalypse \*\*\*
6.15-9.00pm Film4

FANTASY Following the timespanning Days of Future Past, this X-team adventure is set in 1983 and sees the mutants pitted against god-like immortal Apocalypse. James McAvoy (as Professor X), Michael Fassbender (Magneto) and Jennifer Lawrence (Mystique) keep the sprawling storyline on point, though the climax is overly reliant on CGI visuals. **JEREMY ASPINALL** (US 2016, edited for content, HD)

Casino Royale ★★★★
9.00pm-12.05am ITV4

SPY Daniel Craig made the role of James Bond his own with this 21st movie in the series. It's an origins story for OO7, as he tackles villain Le Chiffre (Mads Mikkelsen) in a high-stakes poker game. Craig's Bond is a flawed, very human character, and Eva Green is alluring as Treasury agent Vesper Lynd. Quantum of Solace is showing tomorrow – see p97. ADAM SMITH (UK/ CzRep/Ger/US 2006, violence, col/BW, HD)

Pig ★★★

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9.00-10.50pm **Film4** 

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DRAMA A revenge tale with a difference, this slow-burning drama stars Nicolas Cage as a former chef now living as a truffle hunter in the Oregon wilderness, with only a pig for company. When his porcine pal is kidnapped, he is forced to return to the city. Eschewing violent showdowns, *Pig* paints a mournful, thought-provoking portrait of a man haunted by his past. TERRY STAUNTON (UK/US 2021, violence, swearing, HD)

Safe House ★★★ 11.05pm-1.00am ITV1 (not in Border Scotland, STV, UTV)

ACTION In this taut thriller, the world of CIA rookie Ryan Reynolds is turned upside down after rogue agent Denzel Washington is delivered to his Cape Town safe house. Before an interrogation can take place, the bolt hole is attacked, forcing the pair to go on the run. The chase scenes are expertly handled by director Daniel Espinosa. TeS (US/SAfr 2012, violence, swearing, HD)

#### Sky Cinema picks

**To Leslie** ★★★ 12 noon-2.05pm **Sky Best of 2023** Big-hearted drama. (2022, 15) Sky 302, Virgin 402, BT 502/516

#### Gladiator \*\*\*\*\*\*

1.15-3.55pm **Sky Action** Superb Roman epic. (2000, 15) Sky 306; Virgin 406; BT 506/520

**Bad Santa** ★★★ 10.00-11.55pm **Sky Christmas** Acerbic black comedy. (2003, 15) Sky 303; Virgin 410; BT 510/524

Films to stream from p34 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

# WEDNESDAY

# Satellite, cable

#### Sky Showcase



A League of Their Own 9.00pm Jimmy Carr joins in

6.00am The Early Rundown 7.00 Kay Burley **8.00** Stop, Search, Seize (AD) **9.00** Nothing to Declare (AD) **10.00** River Hunters **11.00** Uptown Otters **12 noon** Supergirl **1.00pm** MacGyver: double bill **3.00** Hawaii Five-O **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00** The Simpsons: double bill

6.00nm The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 23/25 Series 5. Will's fidelity is put to the test. **6.30 24/25.** Will gets trapped.

**7.00 The Simpsons** A mysterious figure from Marge's past returns. **7.30** Homer faces the wrath of a pop star's vengeful fans.

8.00 New Portrait Artist of the Year 10/12 Series 10. The final of the competition to find the UK's most talented portrait artist.

9.00 A League of Their Own **Ep 7** Series 18. Jimmy Carr and Maisie Adam join the regulars.

10.00 New. The Lazarus Project Ep 4 Series 2. The time machine leaves George and his colleagues stranded. See p81.

11.00 Rob and Romesh vs NBA Basketball 2/4 Series 2. Rob and Romesh learn about the sport. (AD) 12 midnight The Force: North East **1.00am** Road Wars **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00-6.00am** The Early Rundown **Sky Showcase Sky** 106 **Virgin** 109 **EE** 340/HD 355 **+1 Sky** 206

#### Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 7.00 rimeval **8.00** Home Shopping 11.00 Blood & Treasure 12 noon Star Trek: Deep Space Nine: two episodes **2.00pm** Blood & Treasure **3.00** Primeval **4.00** Stargate SG-1 **5.00** Stargate Universe

6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 4/26 Series 3. Dax develops an unexplained musical talent, and the puzzled crew members grow increasingly concerned. **7.00** *5/26*. Kira is kidnapped by the Cardassians, who try to convince her she is one of their agents.

8.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 7/26 Series 2. Archer leaves Trip in charge of the *Enterprise* when he is assigned a secret mission by Vulcan High Command.

9.00 Train 9/12. Jae-chul and Do-won of World B die in a mysterious car accident and Seo-kyung finds out that the living Do-won is from another world. **10.15** *10/12*. Do-Won finds out who the killer is. However, the culprit is one step ahead of everyone else.

11.30 3-Headed Shark Attack ★★ Sci-fi horror starting Danny Trejo. The passengers ★★ Sci-fi horror starring of a cruise ship are terrorised by a creature that is three times more deadly than your average shark.

**1.10am** Spides **2.10** Star Trek: Enterprise **3.05** Stargate Universe 4.00-6.00am Star Trek: Deep Space Nine: two episodes

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) Virgin 122 EE 348/HD 363 +1 Virgin 229

#### Sky Atlantic



Watchmen 9.00pm Angela Abar investigates a shooting

6.00am Fish Town 7.55 True Blood **10.05** Billions (AD) **12.20pm** Game of Thrones (AD) **1.25** Tin Star (AD) **3.30** True Blood: double bill

5.40pm Billions 10/12 Series 2 Chuck considers the potential pitfalls while being vetted for political advancement. (AD) **6.45** *11/12*. Chuck and his father have much riding on the rise or fall of Ice Juice's new IPO. (AD)

7.55 Game of Thrones 3/10 Series 2. Maester Luwin helps Bran make sense of his dreams. and Catelyn tries to foster an alliance with the Baratheons. (AD)

9.00 Watchmen 1/9. Alternative history drama series following the actions of a group of masked vigilantes, based on the seminal graphic novel by Alan Moore. (AD)

10.10 Westworld 3/10 Series 1 Ford throws the park into disarray when he takes over its storylines himself, while those behind the scenes are preoccupied. (AD) **11.20** *4/10*. An increasingly self-aware Dolores finds help in the form of reluctant Westworld visitor William, and the Man in Black forms an alliance. (AD) 12.30am The Outsider (AD) 1.30 Trackers (AD) 2.35 Game of Thrones (AD) 3.40 In Treatment 4.10–6.00am Fish Town **Sky Atlantic Sky** 108 (109 Wales) **EE** 342/H**D** 357 **+1 Sky** 208 (209 Wales)

#### **Sky Witness**

6.00am UK Border Force 7.00 Border Patrol 9.00 Border Security USA (AD) 10.00 Motorway Patrol **11.00** The Equalizer (AD) **12 noon** The Rookie (AD) **1.00pm** FBI (AD) **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted (AD) 3.00 Caught Red Handed

4.30pm Nothing to Declare Seven editions following the work of customs officers in Australia.

8.00 The Equalizer 7/18 Series 3 When a well-known singer receives a terrifying fan letter, her head of security hires McCall to track down the culprit. (AD)

9.00 The Rookie 2/20 Series 2 Nolan has an unexpected reunion with a former love interest. Officer Bradford is forced to accept help from Officer Chen. (AD)

10.00 9-1-1 18/18 Series 5 Members of the 118 attempt to rescue a wellness retreat guru after his followers turn on him.

11.00 The Rookie 10/14 Series 3 Harper and Nolan respond to a bank robbery in progress. (AD)

12 midnight FBI: International (AD) **1.00am** FBI: Double bill. *16/23* Series 5. Scola needs help in his mission 2.00 New. 17/23. The deputy commander of an air base apped Repeated tomorrow 3.00 New. FBI: International 17/22 Series 2. A ballerina is the victim of an acid attack Rptd tomorrow 10pm 4.00 The Resident 5.00-6.00am UK Border Force: in London

**Sky Witness Sky** 107 **Virgin** 110 **EE** 341/HD 356 **+1 Sky** 207 **Virgin** 310

#### Sky Max



The Lazarus Project 10.00pm George is stranded

6.00am NCIS: Los Angeles 7.00 s Legends of Tomorrow (AD) 8.00 Supergirl 9.00 Stargate SG-1 11.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 12 noon Supergirl 1.00pm MacGyver 3.00 Hawaii Five-O 4.00 S.W.A.T.(AD) 5.00 DC's Legends of Tomorrow (AD)

6.00pm Stargate SG-1 3/22 Series 6. The team get trapped when they accidentally activate the self-destruct mechanism. 7.00 4/22. O'Neill contracts a deadly virus from a woman who has been frozen in ice.

8.00 Strike Back: Silent War 8/10 Series 7. Section 20 need to protect an Indonesian general from his own men. (AD)

9.00 A League of Their Own Ep 7 Series 18. Jimmy Carr and Maisie Adam join the regulars.

10.00 New. The Lazarus Project Ep 4 Series 2. When the time machine doesn't work in the way they'd planned. George and the other members of the Lazarus mission are stranded. See p81.

11.00 The Force: North East **3/10** Series 5. A high-speed chase ends with a sinister discovery in the fugitive's abandoned car.

12 midnight The Force: North East 1.00am Road Wars 3.00 Hawaii Five-0 4.00 S.W.A.T. (AD) 5.00-6.00am Highway Patrol **Sky Max Sky** 113 (114 Wales) **Virgin** 111 **EE** 346/HD 361

#### Sky Replay

7.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry: double bill **8.00** Four Weddings (AD) **10.00** Stop, Search, Seize **11.00** Send in the Dogs **12 noon** Highway Cops (AD) **1.00pm** Road Wars **2.00** Most Haunted 4.00 Manifest (AD) **6.00pm** MacGyver: double bill. The team is blamed for a bombing, then an earthquake traps government scientists in a building (AD) **8.00** Highway Cops (AD) **9.00** The Force: North East: the chase is on as officers pursue two car thieves who are in a stolen vehicle 10.00 The Russell Howard Hour 11.00 A League of Their Own
12 midnight Brit Cops: Rapid Response (AD) **1.00am** Stop, Search, Seize: Ireland's border force **2.00** A League of Their Own Road Trip: Southeast Asia (AD) **3.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo (AD) 4.00 Four Weddings (AD) 5.00-6.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fr Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

#### **Sky Crime**

**6.00am** Highway Patrol (AD) **7.00** Motorway Patrol **8.00** Highway Cops Motorway Patrol 8.00 Highway Cops (AD) 9.00 Nothing to Declare (AD) 10.00 Caught Red Handed 11.30 Border Patrol 12 noon Made for Murder 1.00pm An Unexpected Killer 2.00 Killer in My Village 3.00 Most Evil Killers 5.00 Killing Mum and Dad (AD) 6.00 Murders That Shocked the Nation (AD) 7.00 Most Evil Killers 9.00 (AD) 7.00 Most Evil Killers 9.00

GT CHOICE New. The Murder of Lyn
Dawson: the Teacher, the Groomer,
the Killer See p81 10.00 How I Caught
the Killer 11.00 Most Evil Killers
12 midnight Killer in My Village 1.00am Most Evil Killeris 2.00 An Unexpected Killer 3.00 Murder in Amish Country (AD) 4.00 Road Wars 5.00–6.00am Motorway Patrol (AD) **Sky Crime Sky** 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **EE** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321 Gold



Ghosts 8.20pm Mike and Alison make a discovery

**7.00am** as 10.30am **7.35** The Two Ronnies 9.50 2 Point 4 Children 10.30 Still Open All Hours 11.05 Last of the Summer Wine **1.50pm**Are You Being Served? **2.25** The
Fosters **2.55** Only Fools and Horses (AD) 4.55 The Vicar of Dibley (AD)

6.05pm Only Fools and Horses Christmas special from 1986. Rodney dates the daughter of the Duke of Maylebury. (AD)

7.20 Porridge Christmas special from 1975. The inmates are planning a great escape. (AD)

8.20 Ghosts Kitty becomes convinced that Santa has made an early stop at Button House. (AD)

9.00 Mrs Brown's Bovs A handsome man tries to woo Agnes 9.40 A fire at the salon leaves Rory and Dino with nowhere to work.

10.20 Miranda The shop owner has to decide between proposals from Gary and Mike. (AD)

11.00 Knowing Me, Knowing Yule... with Alan Partridge Christmas special of the spoof chat show from 1995.

11.55 The Office 1/2. Tim is nervous of meeting Dawn again. (AD) 12.55am Ghosts (AD) 1.35 Mrs Brown's Boys: two episodes 2.55-**4.00am** Knowing Me, Knowing Yule... with Alan Partridge

Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

#### Sky Comedy

8.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 9.00 The Conners 10.00 The Fresh 9.00 The Conners 10.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 10.30 House of Lies 11.40 Entourage 12.50pm Vice Principals (AD) 2.10 House of Lies 3.20 Entourage 4.30 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 5.00 The Conners 6.00pm The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air: double bill. Will fights temptation, then Will's love life flashes before him when he gets trapped in a lift **7.00** Will & Grace (AD) **8.00** The Office US **9.00** Breeders: double bill. Paul and Ally take a holiday, then they rush to fly back (AD) 10.00 New. The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon **11.00** Sam Jay: Salute Me or Shoot Me: stand-up 12.15am Girls (AD) 1.30 Romantic Getaway (AD) 2.00 New series
Smothered 3.00 House of Lies
3.40–5.00am Vice Principals (AD) **Sky Comedy Sky** 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **EE** 347/HD 362

#### **Comedy Central**

**8.00am** Most Ridiculous: Penguins and Other Wildlife **8.35** Most Ridiculous: Other wilding 8.35 Most Andiculous: Drivers 9.00 Michael McIntyre's Big Show 10.00 Home Improvement 12 noon Last Man Standing 2.00pm The Middle (AD) 4.30 Friends (AD) 9.00 Michael McIntyre's Big Show: Jessie J and Stereophonics perform onstage at London's Theatre Royal

10.00 Dara O Briain: Voice of Reason: a chance to see the comedian's live stand-up show from 2019 **11.35** *New*Jonathan Pie: back to the Studio: a stand-up routine by Tom Walker **1.20am** South Park **2.50** Beavis and Butt-Head 3.05 New. The Daily Show 3.30 Guessable? 4.15–5.00am The Middle (AD)

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

#### Alibi



Father Brown 8.00pm The priest looks into a death

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries 9.00 Rizzoli & Isles (AD) **10.00** Hudson & Rex (AD) **11.00** Without a Trace **12 noon** Shakespeare and Hathaway: Private Investigators (AD) **1.00pm** Father Brown (AD) **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** Rizzoli & Isles (AD) 5.00 Hudson & Rex (AD)

6.00pm Without a Trace 5/24 Series 5. Mob boss Sadik Marku's mistress and son go missing.

7.00 Elementary 15/24 Series 3 Holmes and Watson hunt for a killer who leaves wads of cash and cryptic notes on his victims.

8.00 Father Brown 2/15 Series 3 The priest investigates when Sir. Raleigh's wife is found dead after seeing an Egyptian mummy. (AD)

9.00 Death in Paradise 2/8 Series 4. A surf-school owner is shot dead in his workshop, but the door was locked from inside. (AD)

10.00 Father Brown 3/15 Series 3 The circus brings death to Kembleford, and Father Brown tries to determine why a parishioner has agreed to marry Welkin. (AD)

11.00 Rizzoli & Isles 7/15 Series 3 Two psychiatrists are killed. (AD)

12 midnight Elementary 1.00am Hudson & Rex (AD) 2.00 CSI: Vegas (AD) **2.50–4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries

Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114 EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

#### Discovery

6.00am Wheeler Dealers 7.00 Countdown to Collision (AD) **8.00** Dive Wars Australia **9.00** Gold Divers **10.00** Bitchin' Rides **11.00** Goblin Works Garage **12 noon** Salvage Hunters Garage 12 noon Salvage Hunters
1,00pm Building off the Grid 3.00
Alaskan Bush People (AD) 4.00
Blowing Up History 5.00 Wheeler
Dealers (AD) 6.00 Salvage Hunters
7.00 Outback Truckers (AD) 8.00
Railroad Alaska: Jim and Nancy journey
to an abandoned cabin 9.00 New. The
Garden: Commune or Cult?: Tyler M and Tyler C clash over commune leadership (AD) **10.00** Gold Rush: White Water: Dustin risks his life on a resupply mission **11.00** Expedition Unknown **12 midnight** Moonshiners: Master Distiller (AD)

1.00am The Garden: Commune or
Cult? (AD) 2.00 Gold Rush: White
Water 3.00–5.00am Wheeler Dealers Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177

EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

#### Discovery History

6.00am Expedition Unknown 7.00 Nasa's Unexplained Files 8.00 Blowing Nasa's Unexplained Files 8.00 Blowing Up History (AD) 9.00 Ultimate Warfare 10.00 Salvage Hunters 11.00 Shed and Buried 12 noon Combat Dealers 2.00pm Nasa's Unexplained Files 3.00 Salvage Hunters 4.00 Mysteries at the Museum 5.00 Blowing Up History (AD) 6.00pm Combat Dealers 7.00 Expedition Unknown 8.00 Ultimate Warfare: a look at the Battle of Midway during the Second World War 9.00 during the Second World War **9.00**Combat Dealers: a display based on the French Resistance **10.00** Salvage Hunters **11.00** Shed and Buried (AD) 12 midnight How It's Made 1.00am Combat Dealers (AD) 2.00 Salvage Hunters 3.00 Ultimate Warfare 4.00-5.00am Shed and Buried (AD) Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381

Key (S) Subtitles (SL) Signing (AD) Audio description (HD) High definition (W) Widescreen

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#### **Sky Documentaries**



To End All War: Oppenheimer and the Atomic Bomb 9.00pm

**6.00am** The Movies **7.00** Discovering: Joan Crawford (AD) **8.00** The Directors **9.00** The Nineties 9.55 The Vow (AD) 11.00
Love Has Won: the Cult of Mother God
12 noon Jackie Stewart 2.00pm
FILM All That Breathes \*\*\*
Documentary, Hindi +subtitles (W)
4.00 The Directors 5.00
Discovering Joan Crawford (AD) Discovering: Joan Crawford (AD)

6.00pm The Nineties A look at terrorism during the decade.

6.55 The Vow Sarah tells Mark about a secret women's group involving masters and slaves. (AD)

8.00 New. Love Has Won: the **Cult of Mother God** Exploring the life and death of Amy Carlson, leader of a religious movement described as a cult by the media.

9.00 To End All War: Oppenheimer and the Atomic Bomb The true story of J Robert Oppenheimer and his journey from an ambitious scientist to a man tormented by his actions. (AD)

10.45 When We Were Kings \*\*\*\*\* Muhammad Ali's fight to regain the world heavyweight title from George Foreman in 1974. (AD) (W)

12.30am On the Record (AD)
2.20 Ethel 4.10 The Directors:
Don Siegel 5.05-6.00am
Discovering: Joan Crawford (AD)

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 EE 352/HD 367

#### **Nat Geographic**

8.00am Abandoned 9.00 Air Crash Investigation 10.00 Lost Treasures of Egypt (AD) 11.00 Drain the Oceans (AD) 12 noon Car SOS (AD) 1.00pm Ice Road Rescue 2.00 Air Crash Road Rescue **2.00** Air Crash Investigation (AD) **3.00** Nazi Megastructures (AD) **4.00** Buried Secrets of the Gold Rush: Drain the Oceans (AD) **5.00** Car SOS **6.00** Lost Treasures of Egypt **7.00** Air Crash Investigation: the investigation into South Korea's worst air disaster hits a problem **8.00** Car SOS: triple bill. Restoring a rare 1989 Ultima race car **9.00** Tim and Fuzz take on a neglected 1988 Fiat Uno Turbo **10.00** Rescuing a 1992 VW Corrado in Huddersfield (AD) **11.00** Air Crash Investigation **12** midhight 11.00 Air Crash Investigation 12 midnight Airport Security: Rome 1.00am Banged Up Abroad 2.00 Food Factory USA 2.55-5.00am Food Factory

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

#### **Sky History**

6.00am Mountain Men 7.00 Forged in Fire 8.00 American Pickers 9.00 Pawn Stars 10.00 River Hunters 11.00 Strangest Things 12 noon Auction Hunters 2.00pm Swamp People: Serpent Invasion 4.00 Celts: the Untold Story 5.00 Pawn Stars **6.00pm** American Pickers **7.00** Forged in Fire **8.00** New. Mysteries from Above: massive concrete arrows scattered across America **9.00 New** Curse of Skinwalker Ranch: the team learns that the mystery of Skinwalker Ranch may lie underground 10.00
New. Beyond Skinwalker Ranch 11.00
Encounter: UFO 12 midnight Pawn
Stars 1.00am Salvage Kings 2.00
Mountain Men 3.00 Mysteries from

Above 4.00-6.00am Auction Hunters

**Sky History Sky** 123 (124 Scotland) **Virgin** 131 **EE** 353/HD 368 **+1 Sky** 223 (224 Scot) **Virgin** 331

#### Sky Nature



Great Blue Wild 9.00pm A look at eco-tourism in Palau

6.00am Baby Animals 7.00 Monkey Life 8.00 Mysteries of the Mekong **9.00** Rewilding **10.00** Living Beach 11.00 Extreme Africa 12 noon Brazil Untamed 1.00pm Monkey Life **2.00** Mysteries of the Mekong **3.00** Rewilding **4.00** Living Beach 5.00 Extreme Africa

6.00pm Brazil Untamed A remote wetland region which is home to 300 pig-like peccaries

7.00 Monkey Life The new baby monkey has x-rays after being attacked by its mother. 7.30 Wildlife vet John is at the park to give chimpanzee Kalu a thorough health check.

8.00 Whale with Steve **Backshall** The naturalist freedives with whales and dolphins to record their rarely seen behaviours.

9.00 Great Blue Wild Palau's battle against human-made environmental destruction.

10.00 Brazil Untamed As 6pm. 11.00 Extreme Africa A glimpse at life in the Simien Mountains National Park in Ethiopia.

12 midnight Australia's Hidden Islands 1.00am Wild Castles 2.00 Whale with Steve Backshall **3.00** Great Blue Wild **4.00** Mysteries of the Mekong **5.00–6.00am** Rewilding **Sky Nature Sky** 124 (125 Scotland) **Virgin** 189 **EE** 354/HD 369

#### Eden

9.00am The Architecture the Railways Built: nine back-to back editions (AD) **6.00pm** The Architecture the Railways Built: six editions. Tim Dunn takes to the tracks in Newcastle to explore a city rich in railway architecture **7.00**Exploring Brunel's first and last railway projects **8.00** Uncovering the secrets above, below and inside London's Charing Cross Station **9.00** Tim Dunn heads underground at the magnificant Victorian Bramhope Tunnel in West Yorkshire **10.00** The popular Victorian holiday resort of Saltburn-by-the-Sea 11.00 Exploring Huddersfield's Grade I listed station and examining the station's clock (AD) 12 midnight Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown **1.00am** The Architecture the Railways Built (AD) **5.25–6.00am** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

#### **Animal Planet**

8.00am Tanked 9.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 10.00 My Cat from Hell 11.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 12 noon Tanked 1.00pm Pit Bulls and Parolees 2.00 Celebrity Animal Encounters 3.00 Crikey! It's the Irwins 4.00 My 3.00 Crikey: Its the Irwins 4.00 My Cat from Hell 5.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 6.00 Tanked 7.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 8.00 Deadliest Sharks: a profile of oceanic white tip sharks 9.00 Shark Alley: Legend of Dynamite: tracing a juvenile great white shark as it progresses toward maturity

10.00 Alaska: Surviving the Last Frontier (AD) 11.00 The Zoo

1.00am Alaska: Surviving the Last Frontier (AD) 2.00 My Cat from Hell 3.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 4.00–5.00am Tanked

**Animal Planet Sky** 162 (178 NI) **Virgin** 178 **+1 Sky** 262 (278 NI) **Virgin** 378

### **SPORT**

#### **Sky Main Event**

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440

**6.00am** Sky Sports News **7.00** Good Morning Sports Fans **10.00** The Football Show 12 noon Lunchtime Live 2.00pm Sports Desk 5.00 Sky Sports News

7.00 LIVE Scottish Premiership **Football** Hearts v Rangers from Tynecastle Park (kick-off **8.00**). 10.30 Back Pages Tonight 11.00–6.00am Sky Sports News

#### Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442 **6.00am** Classic Play-Off Finals **9.00** EFL Greatest Games (AD) **10.00** Championship Retro: Watford v Leicester City in the 2013 play-offs 12 noon Championship Highlights **2.00pm** Scottish Premiership Football **2.15** German Football: round-up 3.15 Championship Highlights **4.30** Scottish Premiership Round-Up **4.45** Scottish Premiership Highlights 5.00 Championship Highlights 7.00 LIVE Scottish Premiership **Football** Hearts v Rangers from Tynecastle Park (kick-off **8.00**).

10.30 1983: When Aberdeen Ruled Europe: recalling a glorious campaign 11.30 EFL Greatest Games 1.00am Championship Season Review (AD) **2.00** EFL Trophy Football **2.30** Jimmy Glass: the Great Escape (AD) **3.00** League Cup Retro: Chelsea v Spurs in 2008 (AD) **5.45–6.00am** EFL Greatest Games (AD)

#### Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444 6.00am European Tour Golf: Alfred Dunhill Championship **9.00** European Tour Golf: Australian Open **10.00** PGA Tour Golf **11.00** Miracle in Medinah: the Story of the 2012 Ryder Cup (AD) **1.00pm** The Players Championship Official Film **2.00** PGA Championship Official Film 2.00 PGA Championship Official Film 2017 (AD) 3.00 US Open Official Films 5.00 European Tour Golf: the Australian Open from Melbourne 6.00 PGA Tour Golf: the Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas 7.00 Golf's Greatest Holes (AD) **7.30** The Life: Theegala **8.00** European Tour Golf **9.00** PGA Tour Golf **10.00** Golf's Greatest Holes (AD) **10.30** The Life: Theegala **11.00** PGA Tour Golf 12 midnight European Tour Golf: Australia Oom European Tour Golf: 1.00-6.00 European Tour Golf: the Alfred Dunhill Championship

#### **Amazon Prime**

7.00pm LIVE Premier League Football Brighton & Hove Albion v Brentford (kick-off 7.30); 7.00 Crystal Palace v AFC 7.00 Crystal Palace v Arc Bournemouth (kick-off **7.30**); **7.00** Fulham v Nottingham Forest at Craven Cottage (kick-off **7.30**); **7.00** Sheffield United v Liverpool from Bramall Lane (kick-off **7.30**); **7.00** Aston Villa v Manchester City from Villa Park (kick-off **8.15**); **7.45** Manchester United v Chelsea from Old Trafford (kick-off **8.15**).

#### **Eurosport 1**

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412 6.00am Snooker 8.00 Ski Jumping 10.00 Triathlon 10.30 Snooke **12.45pm LIVE Snooker** The first day of the Shoot-Out tournament at Swansea Arena, featuring the opening first-round matches. **5.00** Hall of Fame: Athens 2004 **6.00** Snooker: the Shoot-Out 6.45 LIVE Snooker The evening session on the opening day of the Shoot-Out from Swansea Arena, featuring more first-round action. **11.00** Snooker: the Shoot-Out 1.00am Hall of Fame 2.00 Snooker 4.00-6.00am Cyclo-Cross



#### **Premier League Football** 7.00pm Amazon Prime Man United hero Bruno Fernandes

#### Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441 6.00am Greatest Games 7.00 Highlights 10.00 The Football Show noon Gary Neville's Soccerbox 1.00pm Premier League Highlights **5.00** 100 Club: two episodes (AD) 6.00 Netbusters 6.30 Stories 7.00 Soccer Special: team news and live scores 10.15 Class of 92 11.15 Premier League Stories 11.45 Greatest Games 12 midnight Premier League Icons 1.00am Premier League Years (AD) 3.00 Greatest Games 4.00 Rest Goals **5.30–6.00am** 100 Club (AD)

#### **Sky Cricket**

Skv 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443 **6.00am** Big Bash League Cricket **11.00** Women's Big Bash League **8.45pm** Pushing Boundaries: to the Hundred and Beyond (AD) **10.00** Secrets of Success (AD) 12.15am Big Bash League Cricket 5.15-6.00am World T20 Cricket (AD)

#### Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446

6.00am NFL Highlights 8.00 NFL: America's Game (AD) 9.00 NFL Highlights 10.00 Kansas city Chiefs: the Franchise 10.45 49 Hours 11.00 NFL Bitesize 12 noon Good Morning Football **3.00pm** One Jets Drive **3.45** The Art of Play Calling **4.00** NFL Review Show **5.00** Neil Meets **5.15** Kansas City Chiefs: the Franchise **6.00** Pro-Football Talk **8.00** Bitesize **9.00** Jaguars Weekly UK **9.30** One Jets Drive **10.15** Kansas City Chiefs: the Franchise **11.00** NFL Fantasy

12 midnight Total Access 1.00am Jaguars Weekly UK 1.30 Pro-Football Talk 3.30 Highlights 4.30 Jaguars Weekly UK **5.00** Kansas City Chiefs: the Franchise **5.45–6.00am** 49 Hours

#### Sky Arena

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447 6.00am Women's Super League 6.15 Super League 8.00 International Netball 10.15 NRLW 10.30 Pool 3.30pm International Netball 5.45 Women's Super League (AD) **6.00** Mosconi Cup: a 30 Year Story **6.30 LIVE Pool** Day one of the Mosconi Cup between Europe and the USA from Alexandra Palace. 11.00 Mosconi Cup: a 30 Year Story 11.30 Boxing 12.30am Netball 2.45 Unbeatable 3.15 Basketball 5.45-6.00am Super League (AD)

#### **Eurosport 2**

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413

6.00am Curling 8.00 Cyclo-Cross 10.00 Ski Jumping 12 noon Sailing 1.00pm Olympic Games 2.00 Curling 4.00 Superbikes 5.30 Motor Racing **6.00** Alpine Skiing **8.00** Sailing **9.00** Speedway **11.00** Alpine Skiing 12 midnight Cycling 2.00am Biathlon 4.00-6.00am Snooke

### TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430

5.45am LIVE International T20 Cricket South Africa v India in the Deaf World Cup; **9.45** Pakistan v England in

the Deaf World Cup. **1.45pm** International T20 Cricket: New Zealand v Pakistan, women's 2.45 TNT Sports Goals Reload 3.00 West Indies v England: Cricket Classics: archive action from 1998 **4.00** International One-Day Cricket: West Indies v England from Antigua

5.00 LIVE International One-Day Cricket West Indies v England, coverage of the second in the three-match series from Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, Antigua.

2.00am Europa League Football 2.30 TNT Sports Goals Reload 3.00 Champions League Football: highlights 5.00-6.00am Europa League Highlights Show

#### **TNT Sports 2**

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431

6.30am Premier League Nethusters **7.00** Wrestling: action from WWE **9.30** Sign Up: into Football 10.15 French Football: highlights (AD)

11.15 LIVE Abu Dhabi T10 **Cricket** Chennai Braves v New York Strikers from Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium, Abu Dhabi; 1.45pm Morrisville Samp Army v Deccan Gladiators in the UAÉ; **4.15** Delhi Bulls v Northern

.45 Premier League Netbusters 7.15 Serie A: Full Impact: magazine 7.45 LIVE French Football Marseille v Lyon from Stade Vélodrome (kick-off **8.00**).

Warriors from Abu Dhabi.

10.00 LIVE Pro League Hockey Argentina v Great Britain, the women's FIH Pro League Hockey match from Santiago del Estero, Argentina (push-back **10.00**).

12 midnight Badminton (AD) 12.15am TNT Sports Reload (AD) 12.30 LIVE Pro League Hockey Argentina v Great Britain, the men's FIH Pro League Hockey match from Santiago del Estero.

Argentina (push-back **10.00**) 2.30 Squash: Hong Kong Open 3.30 Badminton Weekly (AD) 3.45–5.45am Motor Racing (AD)

#### TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432

**6.00am** French Football: highlights of three matches **9.00** Badminton: the Syed Modi International **11.00** Badminton Weekly **11.15** Fishing (AD) **12.15pm** TNT Sport Goals Reload (AD) **12.30** Premier League Netbusters **1.00** TNT Sports Reload **6.00** Wrestling: WWE action (AD) **7.00** Europa League Football (AD)

**Football** Villarreal v Maccabi Haifa, the Group F match from Estadio de la Cerámica (kick-off **8.00**). 10.00 The Football's On: lively chat 11.00 Champions League Magazine **12 midnight** EuroCup Basketball: Umana Reyer Venice v London Lions 1.00am Fishing: on the Bank (AD) 2.00 Boxing: Noakes v Perez 4.00–6.00am Badminton

#### **TNT Sports 4**

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434

**6.00am** Motor Racing: V8 Supercars **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union: highlights of four weekend games

12 noon Women's Premiership Ru Union 1.00pm NBA: double bill 4.00 EuroCup Basketball **5.00** Wrestling **6.00** Motor Racing: V8 Supercars **8.00** World Rally **9.00** Wrestling **11.45** Serie A: Full Impact: magazine 12.15am UFC: the Ultimate Fighter **5.00** UFC Fight Flashback (AD) **5.30–6.00am** TNT Sports Reload

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# Thursday ROMANTIC COMEDY

Smothered 10.00pm, 10.30pm Sky Comedy Catch up via Now

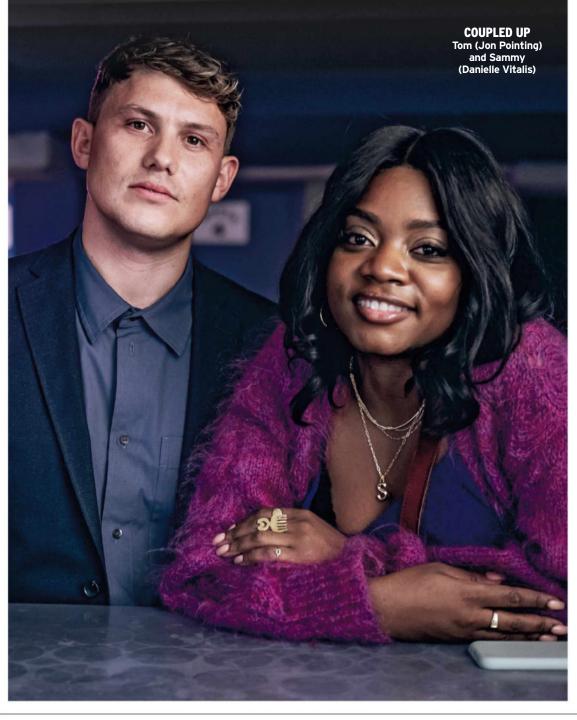
NEW SERIES Disillusioned with dating apps and sex parties, and having left a string of misjudged voice notes for a guy saved as MAX (DON'T CALL) in her phone, single

20-something Sammy (Danielle Vitalis) swears off dating. But then she meets Tom (Jon Pointing) at a karaoke bar. And she still swears off dating.

Despite liking him, she tells him what she wants to do: three weeks of fun and no "pretending it's going anywhere or getting deep". As every other relationship she's pursued has gone wrong, she doesn't want this one to as well. Episode two

sees them go back to phoning an ex (her) and downloading an app (him).

It's a sideways take on the boy-meets-girl romcom - and one that is also sharp, perky and a lot of fun.
The distinct voice of Monica Heisey (who's previously worked on Schitt's Creek and won a legion of millennial fans with her debut novel Really Good, Actually) is loud as a bell in an assured six-part comedy packed with pleasing detail and driven by two thoroughly likeable, believable leads – plus some great names in the ensemble including Aisling Bea, Lisa Hammond and Ellie White. FRANCES TAYLOR



#### FOOD

#### **Mary Makes It Easy**

7.30pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer One of Mary Berry's favourite foodie expressions is "That's a bit of all right", but her guest AJ Odudu goes one better. "It's a bit decent, Mary, that's what we'd say in Blackburn," she says after being shown how to make a simple aubergine curry. They're cooking al fresco because AJ likes gardening but finds making meals stressful. There's also tiger prawn courgetti and a one-pot chicken-andfennel dish, but my favourite recipe is one that Mary prepares in her own kitchen: humble pie. Just the name makes you want to try it.

There's more Mary magic on BBC1 at 9pm as she prepares the ultimate Christmas feast, in a programme first shown last year. JANE RACKHAM

#### SOAP

#### **Emmerdale**

7.30pm ITV1 Catch up via ITVX
Having given Cain a brother he never knew he had in Caleb, it now feels as though the writers are struggling to find a purpose for this new sibling.
Caleb can't be the hard man because Cain fulfils that role, and all that scheming against Kim has been swept under the carpet. So, he's now morphed into a lothario, that initial romantic spark with Leyla jettisoned in favour of a secret affair with Tracy.

But I still don't really have a grasp on who Caleb really is. Is he a Dingle or a Tate? A lover or a fighter? A business boss or one of the lads? In six months' time, his personality will probably have altered again. DAVID BROWN

#### SCIENCE

# The Secret Genius of Modern Life

8.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer For Professor Hannah Fry, earbuds are "nothing short of a minor miracle of science and engineering". Anyone suspecting hyperbole may be obliged to agree with her after this supremely unlikely tale of Korean War helicopter pilots and jazz trumpeters, an ambitious Mormon preacher and an electrocuted opera singer.

These were innovators both inadvertent and deliberate, yet they brought us speakers, noise-cancelling technology and the "head" bit of headphones. As ever, it's a deft balance of scientific rigour, silly experiments and some cracking anecdotes, each one carefully placed in context. GABRIEL TATE

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LIVE SPORT

### **ALSO ON TODAY**

#### The King's **Guard: Serving** the Crown

9.00pm Channel 5 The Household Cavalry travel to Edinburgh as they prepare for King Charles's so-called "Second Coronation".



#### MasterChef: the **Professionals**

8.00pm **BBC1** The finalists travel to

a winner is crowned.

Copenhagen to experience "holistic" cookery. Tomorrow

#### **Cutting the Cost** of Christmas: **Toniaht**

8.30pm (11.15pm STV, UTV) ITV1 Angellica Bell explores how to pay for the festivities on a budget.

#### **DOCUMENTARY**

#### Fur Babies 8.00pm c4 All episodes via C4 streaming

If you're someone who wells up seeing babies being born on TV and gets soppy over kittens and

puppies, get the tissues ready. As the title suggests, this follows the pregnancies and births of animals: in this first episode Bella the labrador, Leyla the British shorthair cat and Splodge the guineapig.

All births are miraculous - even the two vets in this programme, who have seen it all before, still get excited by them. But nature is unpredictable. Bella goes into labour early, Leyla keeps carrying her new-born kittens into the litter tray and Splodge, whom they originally thought was a boy, is reluctant to get started. Their babies are very cute, though. JR

#### **DOCUMENTARY**

#### **Inside the Tower** of London

8.00pm Channel 5 Catch up: My5



The big event at the Tower in this final episode is the departure of Chief Yeoman Warder Pete

McGowran who, after 14 years' service, is retiring. His last few days are far from quiet, though: he's presented with a special medal that he wears at a gun salute marking Queen Camilla's birthday, while he and his successor Rob Fuller must hand over the ceremonial axe to the Tower's latest Gaoler.

He also visits a very excited Ravenmaster Chris Skaife. Not only has Chris found a raven's nest for the first time in 40 years but he wants to announce the name of the newly arrived chick. JR

### **ARTS**

#### **Arena**

from 9.55pm **BBC4** Also iPlayer A great night for fans of Hollywood's golden era. Hot on the tail of our five-star Film of the Day (see bottom right), BBC4 continues a reshowing of a three-part 1992 Arena about its peerless director Billy Wilder, who talks in fascinating detail about working with such stars as Gloria Swanson and Humphrey Bogart.

Even more enticing (at 10.50pm) is a rare 1986 profile of Louise Brooks. the silent-era siren, seen speaking candidly in her latter years, and praised back then in RT by cinephile David Robinson for her "undating beauty, devastating intelligence and fearsome honesty". At 11.50pm, a 2012 edition, Screen Goddesses, weaves a thread from Lillian Gish to Elizabeth Taylor. PATRICK MULKERN



#### Football: Premier League Tottenham Hotspur v **West Ham United** k/o 8.15pm **Amazon Prime**

Spurs' captain Son Heung-min (above) is looking to keep his team on track

#### **Golf: Alfred Dunhill Championship**

10am Sky Sports Main Event/Golf

Day one from Leopard Creek Country Club in South Africa.

#### **Hockey: Pro League** Great Britain v **Netherlands Women** 10pm **TNT Sports 1**

Action from Santiago del Estero.

### FILM OF THE DAY



#### Witness for the

8.00pm **BBC4** 

Billy Wilder's rollicking adaptation of Agatha Christie's courtroom play. Marlene Dietrich is ice-cold as the woman whose husband is on trial, while Charles Laughton (above) hams it up delightfully as the defence barrister. (1957)

**FILM REVIEWS** 



#### **DOCUMENTARY** Disappeared: **Mexico's Missing 43**

9.00pm BBC2 Catch up via iPlayer It's impossible to comprehend how. in 2014, 43 young male students travelling to a protest in Mexico City could be apprehended in the town of Iguala by police and then disappear without trace. The authorities alleged that corrupt officers handed them over to a drugs gang, Guerreros Unidos, who killed them and burnt their bodies - but the remains that were found didn't support that theory.

It's an appalling story of corruption and cover-up that reveals how many public officials were in the pay of the drug cartel. Attorney general Jesús Murillo Karam and the head of the investigation Tomás Zerón de Lucio, as well as dozens of police officers and members of the military, have been accused of involvement. But, tragically for the families who lost their boys, the case has yet to be solved. Concludes next week. JR

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# THURSDAY Main Channels

#### DAYTIME

#### BBC<sub>1</sub>

6.00am Breakfast Naga Munchetty, Charlie Stayt. (S) (HD) 9.15 Morning Live at Christmas Gethin Jones and Kym Marsh host a mix of chat and features. (S) (HD)

10.00 Defenders: Busting the Bad Guys A sevenyear-old boy suffers a fatal electric shock. (R) (S) (HD) 10.45 Claimed and Shamed A chef makes a bogus claim by exaggerating his injuries. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

11.15 Homes under the Hammer Properties in Suffolk, Bedfordshire and Kent, (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15pm Bargain Hunt Thomas Forrester and Mark Stacey help two teams in Shrewsbury. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) **1.45 Doctors** Nina wants to know more about Scarlett, while Suni helps a young woman. (S) (AD) (HD)

2.15 The Bidding Room Featuring a fairground game, a music box and a piece of comic-book art. (R) (S) (HD) **3.00 Escape to the Country** Helping a retired couple search for a home on the Suffolk coast. (R) (S) (HD)

3.45 Antiques Road Trip Natasha Raskin Sharp and Ishy Khan find some christening cutlery and antique jugs in West Yorkshire. Rptd tomorrow 6.30am BBC2 (S) (HD)

4.30-5.15 Make It at Market Metal artist Lindon and hand embroiderer Hannah try to turn their hobbies into profitable businesses, Rotd tomorrow 7.15am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

6.30am Antiques Road Trip Shown Wed 3.45pm BBC1 (S) (HD) 7.15 Make It at Market Mentors advise an artist and a leather worker. Shown Wednesday 4.30pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00-9.00 Sign Zone 8.00 Mary Makes It Easy 2/6 Mary Berry shows DJ Jordan North some recipes including a simple mushroom soufflé and a red velvet cake. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **8.30 Between the Covers 2/6** Series 7. Sara Cox is joined by Adrian Edmondson, Annie Macmanus, Chris McCausland and Angela Barnes to discuss their favourite books, (R) (S) (HD)

9.00 Nicky Campbell Calls on the day's talking points. Simulcast with Radio 5 Live. (S) (HD)

10.00 BBC News (S) (HD)

**12.15pm Politics Live** Stories from Westminster. (S) (HD) **1.00 Impossible Celebrities** Guests include Michelle Ackerley, Lesley Joseph and Sally Lindsay. (R) (S) (HD)

1.45 The Boss Quiz hosted by Susan Calman. (R) (S) (HD) 2.30 The Best Christmas Food Ever Festive treats. including blueberry cinnamon swirls, (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

3.15 Primates A female spider monkey elder leads her troop to a unique food source. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.15-5.15 The Great British Winter Ellie Harrison's winter tour takes her to Morecambe Bay. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD) 9.00 Lorraine Fashion, food and chat, (S) (HD) **10.00 This Morning** Celebrity interviews, cookery and lifestyle advice. Including Regional Weather (S) (HD) 12.30pm Loose Women Heated debates, (S) (HD) 1.30 ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal The dealers head for Leicestershire, where a seller turns down £2,500 for a set of pocket watches. Signed repeat 5.05am (S) (AD) (HD) 3.00-4.00 Lingo Kyra and Ella, Luke and Graham,

and Yasmin and Illy take part in the battle of words. Adil Ray hosts. (R) (S) (HD) Followed by Regional Weather

#### Channel 4

6.05am Countdown With guest Bob Harris. (R) (S) (HD) 6.45 3rd Rock from the Sun Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **8.25 Frasier** Three episodes of the sitcom. (R) (S) (AD) 9.55 Find It, Fix It, Flog It Finding value in a crop sprayer, a fire guard and some wooden clamps. (R) (S) (HD) 10.55 The Great House Giveaway Maintenance

manager Aeron and beautician Rachael renovate a house in Manchester. (R) (S) (HD) 11.55 News (S) (HD)

12 noon Steph's Packed Lunch Weekday magazine show presented by Steph McGovern. (S) (HD)

2.10pm Countdown Bob Harris guests. (S) (HD) 3.00-5.00 A Place in the Sun Helping Jacqueline and Lynne find a home in Roguetas de Mar. (R) (S) (HD) 4.00 Danni Menzies leads a property search in and around La Duquesa on the Costa del Sol. (R) (S) (HD)

### BBC<sub>1</sub>

#### **EastEnders**

7.30pm Sonia's plans for a night in with Reiss are interrupted by a distressing call



#### 5.15pm Pointless

Quiz presented by Alexander Armstrong. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 Regional news magazines (S) (HD)

#### 7.00 The One Show

Hosted by Alex Jones and Roman Kemp. (S) (HD)

#### 7.30 EastEnders

Arthur Fowler

Sonia and Reiss prepare for the next stage of their IVF journey. Elaine's bribery fails to impress Yolande. Sonia Fowler Natalie Cassidy Bert Moon Elliot Briffett Reiss Colwell Jonny Freeman Lexi Pearce Isabella Brown Raymond Dawkins Elaine Peacock Harriet Thorne Aaron Thiara Michael Jose Pomares Calixte Davinder "Nugget" Gulati Juhaim Rasul Choudhury Fve Ilnwin Heather Peace Anna Knight Molly Rainford Amy Mitchell Ellie Dadd Alfie Moon Shane Richie Colin Salmon Ricky Mitchell George Knight Frankie Day Suki Kaur Panesar Balvinder Sopal Lorraine Stanley Ollie Carter Harry Farr Bailey Baker Janet Mitchell Karen Taylor Kara-Leah Fernandes Gillian Taylforth Kathy Beale Grace Pearl Fox Tommy Moon Arayah Harris-Buckle Lacey Turner Rudolph Walker Sonny Kendall Patrick Trueman Keanu Taylor Danny Walters Jessie Wallace Denzel Danes Mackenzie Atkins Jaden Ladega Isaac Lemonius Kat Mitchell Ian Beale Adam Woodyatt Mia Atkins Mahalia Malcolm Jean Slater Will Mitchell Freddie Phillips Gillian Wright

Cody Briffett Jenny Meier Writer Daran Little This week's episodes directed by Jamie Annett More cast Wednesday (S) (AD) (HD)

Lily Slater Debbie Colwell

Lillia Turner

#### 8.00 MasterChef: the Professionals

Rocco Brenner

Finals Week continues as the remaining three chefs fly out to Denmark to enter an extraordinary new world of gastronomy at Rasmus Munk's two-Michelinstarred restaurant Alchemist. The first challenge for the finalists is to prepare food for Rasmus, using ingredients that might usually go to waste to create something truly spectacular. Then, they join Rasmus's brigade of 25 chefs to deliver a full restaurant service for diners including Marcus Wareing, Monica Galetti and Gregg Wallace. Continues tomorrow 8pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 Mary Berry's Ultimate Christmas

Mary is joined by some famous friends including Angela Hartnett, Monica Galetti and Rylan as she prepares the ultimate Christmas feast. Canapés come in the form of stilton and sage mini-scones, then it's on to lemon and herb roast turkey, crispy roast potatoes, honey-glazed carrots and parsnips, ruby red cabbage and apricot and chestnut stuffing, all drizzled in gravy. For dessert, there's a choice of traditional Christmas pudding or pear trifle. See p90. Director Katy Fryer; Series producer Alice Binks (R) (S) (AD) (HD

#### 10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 10.40 Question Time

Fiona Bruce presents the topical debate, inviting a panel of politicians and other guests in Petersfield, Hampshire, to answer questions from an audience on subjects that have made the headlines over the past week. Also available live at 8pm on iPlayer. Executive producer Daniel Maxwell; Editor Hilary O'Neill (S) (HD) Have Your Say: tweet with #bbcqt

#### 11.40 Newscast

BBC journalists including Adam Fleming and Chris Mason host a weekly round-up from Westminster, delivering the usual mix of serious analysis and lighthearted gossip about the biggest stories in politics. Senior editors Jonathan Aspinwall and Sam Bonham The podcast is available via BBC Sounds (S) (HD)

12.10am Survivor 12/16. Some of the castaways are proud of their achievements from the previous night, while others are feeling deceived. Shown Sunday 8pm (S) (AD) (HD) 1.10 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD) 1.15-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

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#### BBC2

#### Disappeared: Mexico's Missing

43 9.00pm The mother of abductee Benjamin Bautista longs for answers



#### 5.15pm Flog It!

Valuing items at Sheffield's Cutlers' Hall, including a set of lead toys and some ceramic dogs. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games

Malorie Blackman, Matt Dawson, Chris McCausland and Ranvir Singh take part in the quiz. (S) (HD)

#### 6.30 Strictly It Takes Two

Janette Manrara has more gossip. Designer Vicky Gill previews some of the semi-final costumes. (S) (HD)

#### 7.00 Villages by the Sea

9/10 Series 4. Greyabbey. Ben Robinson visits Greyabbey on Strangford Lough to uncover the story of a lucrative kelp industry. The village has some of the most remarkable archaeological remains in Northern Ireland, including a neolithic boat and stone fish traps that are close to a thousand years old. Producer George Boyle; Series editor Zoe Thorman (S) (HD)

#### 7.30 Mary Makes It Easy

**5/6.** Mary Berry joins *Big Brother* co-host AJ Odudu on an allotment to demonstrate the joys of stress-free cooking. Dishes include a tiger prawn coriander courgetti, spicy aubergine bhuna, one-pot chicken with fennel, a delicious humble pie, and a simple apple crumble. See page 90. Director Sarah Myland; Series producer Alice Binks (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 8.00 The Secret Genius of Modern Life

5/6 Series 2. Headphones. Used by over 30 million people in the UK, headphones are marvels of miniaturisation. Hannah Fry visits Bose to find out how today's earbud technology works and meets the human testers with "golden ears". She also discovers how helicopters in the Korean war helped put the "shhh" into noise-cancelling. See p90. Series producer Eileen Inkson; Exec producer Paul Overton (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 Disappeared: Mexico's Missing 43

1/2. In September 2014 a group of students were attacked on their way to a protest in Mexico City, resulting in 43 young men being forced off passenger buses, never to be seen again. Federal investigators quickly landed the blame on corrupt municipal police working with the local drug cartel. But the families of the missing 43 and independent investigators never believed the official version, with links to major international drugs trafficking providing evidence of a much broader conspiracy. Through testimony by survivors and families of the abductees, This World takes a closer look at the case. See p91. Producer Mark Casebow; Executive producer Sarah Waldron Repeated tomorrow 11.05pm (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 Mock the Week

Hugh Dennis, Angela Barnes, Ed Byrne, Glenn Moore, Sarah Keyworth and Ahir Shah join presenter Dara O Briain in an edition from November 2021. Producer Ewan Phillips (R) (S) (HD)

**10.30 Newsnight** With Victoria Derbyshire. (S) (HD)

**11.10** Weather (S) (HD)

#### 11.15 Louis Theroux Interviews...

5/6 Series 2. Chelsea Manning. Louis meets the Iraq war whistle-blower, activist and data security expert. See choice, p70. Shown Tuesday 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

12 midnight Celebrity Antiques Road Trip Tricia Penrose and Dean Sullivan compete. Shown Tuesday 7pm (S) (HD) 1.00-3.40am Sign Zone 1.00 Secrets of the Aquarium **2/6.** Catching rays is a challenge, and Xav has to find a way to keep Friday the turtle out of trouble. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** Strictly Come Dancing *Ep 11.* A musicals special. See choice, page 40. Shown Saturday 7.25pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD) 3.00 Strictly Come Dancing: the Results Joss Stone performs. Shown Sunday 7.20pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

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### ITV1

#### Cutting the Cost of Christmas: Tonight 8.30pm Angellica Bell has a sackful of hints on saving money



#### 4.00pm Deal or No Deal

Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show where players can win anything from 1p to £100,000. Signed repeat 3am (S) (HD)

#### 5.00 The Chase

Callum, Sharon, Jan and Steve face one of the fearsome Chasers. Bradley Walsh hosts. (S) (HD)

#### 6.00 Regional News Weather (S) (HD)

#### 6.30 ITV Evening News Weather (S) (HD)

#### 7.30 Emmerdale

Will Nate catch Tracy and Caleb – and will Kim reveal the truth to Lydia? **See p90.** 

Jurell Carter Charity Dingle
Amy Walsh Charles Anderson
William Ash Chas Dingle
Claire King Chloe Harris Nate Robinson Émma Atkins Kevin Mathurin Tracy Metcalfe Lucy Pargeter Jessie Elland Caleb Miligan Kim Tate Lydia Dingle Karen Blick Claudette Anderson Flo Wilson Danny Miller David Metcalfe Matthew Wolfenden Aaron Dingle Olivia Bromley Amit Sharma Anil Goutam Dawn Fletcher Natalie Ann Jamieson Ethan Anderson Emile John Amy Wyatt Rear Wolf Joshua Richards Gabby Thomas Rosie Rentham Eden Taylor-Draper Gail Loman Belle Dingle Rachael Gill-Davies Bernice Blackstock Billy Fletcher Samantha Giles Jack Sugden Jay Kontzle Jai Sharma Seth Ball Tony Audenshaw Jimmy King Boh Hone Nick Miles Cain Dingle Jeff Hordley

Writer Sue Mooney More cast Friday (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 8.30 Cutting the Cost of Christmas: **Tonight**

Following a year of rocketing food prices, high fuel costs and soaring mortgages, as a nation, we're expected to have £3 billion less to spend this Christmas. Many of us will be preparing to tighten our belts, so how can we celebrate the festive season on a budget? Angellica Bell has some priceless tips on keeping the costs under the control and still having fun this Christmas. Producer Andrew Hassall (S) (HD)

NOTE: as Tonight reacts to the news its subject matter may change

#### 9.00 I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!

The battle to be crowned Queen or King of the Jungle enters its final stretch as the remaining campmates steel themselves for their final few days in the Australian outback. But there'll be no let-up for the dwindling gaggle of celebs as the Bushtucker Trials continue unabated. Who will be negotiating tonight's horrific challenge? Ant and Dec are on hand to reveal the answer. Repeated tomorrow 12 noon and 5pm ITV2 (S) (HD)

#### **10.30 ITV News**

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

#### 11.15 Regional political magazines

The monthly report on politics in the regions, featuring interviews and discussion. (S) (HD)

#### 11.45 The Voice UK

**5/9** Series 12. Emma Willis presents the latest round of blind auditions, as judges Tom Jones, will.i.am, Anne-Marie and Olly Murs take to the big red chairs to sound out more talented solo artists, duos and vocal groups. The pressure is on to give an immaculate performance as the number of spots in the Callbacks gets smaller. Shown Saturday 7.55pm (R) (S) (HD)

**1.00am Home Shopping** (HD) **3.00 Deal or No Deal** Stephen Mulhern introduces the big-money game show. Shown 4pm (S) (SL) (HD) **3.50 Unwind** A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD) **5.05–6.00am Dickinson's Real Deal** David and the dealers visit Leicestershire. Shown 2pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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### **Channel 4**



8.00pm Ronnie is chuffed to welcome some new arrivals into his family



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#### 5.00pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas

Four of the country's top knitters prepare to unveil their handmade creations. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 6.00 Four in a Bed

A stay at the Alice in Wonderland-themed Hatter's Hotel in Skegness, Lincolnshire. (R) (S) (HD)

#### 6.30 The Simpsons

The Way of the Dog. After Santa's Little Helper bites Marge, the Simpsons explore the tragic past of their family dog. Last in series. First shown on Sky Showcase (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD) 8.00 Fur Babies

New series. 1/4. Vets Dr James Greenwood and Dr Bolu Eso support families through their pets' pregnancies, from pre-delivery nerves to the excitement of new arrivals, and sometimes the heartbreak of birth. Holly welcomed chocolate labrador Bella into her home when her son was preparing to leave for university. Bella has become a much-loved family member and is about to have her first litter. Meanwhile in Essex. Kelly and her 11-year-old son Ronnie are getting ready for their British shorthair cat Leyla to give birth to kittens. The whole series will be available to stream after this broadcast. See page 91. Series directors Phil Broadhurst and Joy Ash Series producer Joy Ash (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 24 Hours in A&E

When 20 year-old Peta is rushed into Queen's Medical Centre after coming off her motorbike, her mum explains the struggle she went through raising a child with both Asperger's and ADHD. Following a stabbing, 21 year-old Callum was left with a stoma. Now, he returns to A&E after it has badly prolapsed. Libby, 44, comes in after being hit in the face with a hockey stick. Series directors/producers Louise Bartmann, Kate Walker and Colin Stone Repeated Friday 9pm 4seven (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 Gogglebox Festive Special

In an edition from January 2021, the armchair critics hare their thought on shows aired during the season, including The Real Full Monty on Ice, Would I Lie to You at Christmas?, Inside KFC at Christmas and The Sound of Music.

Exec producers Leon Campbell and Mike Cotton (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 11.35 First Dates at Christmas

Maître d' Fred Siriex welcomes 25-year-old Dan, a jobbing Santa Claus who struggles to sprinkle magic on his love life. Will children's entertainer Sophie bring him some Christmas cheer? Series director Vickie Ager Series producer lan Osprey (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

**12.35am Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back** An ailing Caribbean fusion restaurant in LA. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

**1.25** Jungleland ★★ Drama. Debt-ridden brothers Stan and Leo agree to a local gangster's demands, and set off for a big-money bare-knuckle contest in San Francisco along with a girl they are charged with dropping off in Reno. Available to stream for 30 days. Stanley Kaminski Charlie Hunnam Pepper Jonathan Maiors Walter "Lion" KaminskiJack O'Connell Yates John Cullum

Sky **Jessica Barden**Director Max Winkler (2019, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

3.00 The Big British Beef Battle The impact of eating beef on climate change. Shown last Friday (S) (AD) (HD) **3.55** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It Featuring a four-bedroom house in Cheshire. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **4.50** Château DIY at Christmas Matt uses a cherry picker to decorate the 40-foot tree. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **5.40–6.05am Strangers on a Plane** Actor Damon takes his guests on a Segway tour of Barcelona. (R) (S) (HD)

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### BBC4

#### Witness for the **Prosecution**

8.00pm Crime and nunishment: Marlene Dietrich takes the stand



#### 7.00pm Great British Railway **Journeys**

Limehouse to Rochford. Michael Portillo visits Rochford in Essex to learn how London's Crossrail railway project is working with conservationists. Repeated 1.20am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 7.30 Walking with Shappi Khorsandi

The comedian and author walks through stunning scenery in the Peak District, including Tideswell Dale and Miller's Dale, before reaching the disused railway line of the Monsal Trail. Repeated 1.50am (R) (S) (HD)

#### 8.00 Witness for the Prosecution Live

Billy Wilder's screen adaptation of Agatha Christin of Agatha Christie's courtroom drama. Against the advice of his doctors, Sir Wilfrid Robarts starts to take an interest in the case of murder suspect Leonard Vole, who is pursued by the police after the death of a rich widow. Available on iPlayer for 30 days. Film of the Day: page 97.

Leonard Stephen Vole Marlene Dietrich

Christine Helm Vole Sir Wilfrid Robarts Miss Plimsoll Brogan-Moore Mayhew Carter Mr Mvers Mrs Emily French Janet McKenzie

Elsa Lanchester John Williams Henry Daniell Torin Thatcher Norma Varden

Una O'Connor Director Billy Wilder (1957, U) (BW) (S) (W) (HD)

Charles Laughton

Ian Wolfe

#### 9.55 Billy, How Did You Do It?: Arena

**2/3.** Conversation between director and screenwriter Billy Wilder and German film-maker Volker Schlondorff. Here, Wilder recalls his memories of the great Hollywood stars, including Mae West, Gary Cooper and Humphrey Bogart. First broadcast in 1992. See page 91. Director Volker Schlondorff Series editor Nigel Finch (R) (S) (HD)

#### 10.50 Louise Brooks: Arena

The life and career of actress Louise Brooks, who discusses her greatest days in Paris and Berlin, as well as her experience of Hollywood. From 1986. Directors Richard Leacock and Charles Chabot Producers Nigel Finch and Anthony Wall (R) (S) (HD)

#### 11.50 Screen Goddesses: Arena

Documentary focusing on the impact of the female stars of the Hollywood studio era, from 1910 through to the early 1960s. Narrated by Elizabeth McGovern. First broadcast in 2012. Director/Producer David Thompson (R) (S) (HD)

12.50am Ex-S: the Wicker Man Documentary about the making of the cult horror film. Shown Tuesday 11.30pm (S) (HD) 1.20 Great British Railway Journeys

1.50 Walking with Shappi Khorsandi

Shown 7.30pm (S) (HD)

2.20-3.20am How to See a Black Hole: the Universe's Greatest Mystery Following the work of international astronomers as they try to unlock the secrets of black holes. Shown yesterday 9pm (S) (HD)

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#### BBC<sub>1</sub> **SCOTLAND**

11.15am Bargain Hunt 12 noon-1.00pm First Minister's Questions 7.00-7.30 River City

#### BBC **SCOTLAND**

7.00pm Scotland's Home of the Year **8.00** My Kind of Town: Stromness 8.30 Landward 9.00 The Nine 10.00 Scot Squad 10.30 Shetland 11.30-12 midnight The Scandals That Shocked Scotland

#### **STV**

8.30-9.00pm

Scotland Tonight: Are Teachers in Danger? 11.15 Cutting the Cost of Christmas: Tonight 11.45 The Voice UK 1.00-3.00am Night Vision **3.50–5.05** Night Vision

#### **ITV1 BORDER SCOTLAND**

11.15pm Representing Border **11.45** Around the House 12.15am The Way We Were 12.45-1.00 Border Life

#### **BBC2 WALES**

**6.00–6.30pm** Richard Osman's

House of Games: the third test of general knowledge of the week

11.15 It's My Shout: Short Films from Wales 11.40 Dogs on Death Row: Will the Bully Ban Work? 12.05am Louis Theroux Interviews... Chelsea Manning 12.50–1.00 The Best Dishes Ever

#### **ITV1 WALES**

11.15-11.45pm Coast and Country

#### BBC<sub>1</sub> **NORTHERN IRELAND**

**10.40pm** The View: news from Stormont and Westminster 11.20 Question Time 12.20am Newscast 12.50 Survivor 1.55-6.00 BBC News

#### BBC2 **NORTHERN IRELAND**

6.00-6.30pm Richard Osman's House of Games: the third test of general knowledge of the week 11.15 The Crime I Can't Forget: police look into the murder of a promising young boxer 12.15–1.00am Louis Theroux Interviews... Chelsea Manning

#### **UTV**

8.30-9.00pm

Homemade Heroes: an intimate portrait of boxing world champion Dave "Boy" McAuley 11.00 UTV Live 11.15-11.45 Cutting the Cost of Christmas: Tonight

Channel 5 listings are overleaf

# THURSDAY Freeview

#### **Channel 5**





Inside the Tower of London 8.00pm Chief Yeoman Warder Pete McGowran

5.50am Milkshake! See page 96 9.15 Jeremy Vine (S) (HD) 11.15 Storm Huntley (S) (HD) 12.30pm Alexis Conran (S) (HD) 1.25 5 News (S) (HD)

1.30 Cloudy with a Chance of Christmas Romantic comedy. Weather forecaster Bridget is offered the chance to present a festive TV broadcast. Director Jake Helgren (2022) (S) (W) (HD)

3.15 Love at the Christmas Chalet ★★ Romance. Novelist Mikaela hosts a festive writers' retreat, where she clashes with a non-fiction author. Director Jake Helgren (2021) (S) (W) (HD)

5.00pm 5 News (S) (HD)

6.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly 4/6 Series 1. Helping a dog that bullies the

female members of its household. (R) (S) (HD) 6.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

#### 7.00 Selfridges at Christmas

A look at how the store is transformed for the festive season. See choice, p51. Shown Sunday 9pm (S) (HD)

**7.55 5 News Update** (S) (HD)

#### 8.00 Inside the Tower of London

**Ep 6** Series 6. It's midsummer and Chief Yeoman Warder Pete McGowran is about to retire. One of Pete's final tasks is to catch up with the Tower's newest recruit, Yeoman Warder Tracey Machin, who is the first nurse to join its ranks. And the Royal Armouries team clean a suit of armour in their conservation laboratory. See page 91. Director Greg Jacobs (S) (HD)

Followed by **5 News Update** (S) (HD)

#### 9.00 The King's Guard: Serving the Crown

Ep 4. Following the Household Cavalry as they prepare for a service of thanksgiving in honour of King Charles III in Edinburgh. Before the event, a unique version of the Highland Games also takes place. Director James Hilton (S) (HD)

#### 10.00 Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild

2/11 Series 16. Ben Fogle visits Georg and Bettina, who created an off-grid home in the Irish wilderness having moved there nearly 40 years ago. Series producer Natalie Wilkinson (R) (S) (HD)

#### 11.05 Django Unchained ★★★★

Western. After being freed from slavery and trained in the ways of a bounty hunter by Dr King Schultz, Diango sets out to free his wife from a vicious plantation owner. Review p97. Django Dr King Schultz Jamie Foxy Christoph Waltz Calvin Candie Leonardo DiCaprio Samuel L Jackson Stephen Broomhilda von Shaft **Kerry Washington** Billy Crash Walton Goggins Director Quentin Tarantino (2012, 18) (S) (W) (HD)

2.10am Casino (S) (HD) 4.10 Bad Girls behind Bars (R) (S) (HD) **4.55** Friends (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **5.40–5.45am** Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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**BBC4** listings are overleaf

#### BBC3







Fleabag 10.45pm Fleabag is invited to an uncomfortable family dinner

7.00pm Top Gear

Adventurer Bear Grylls and physicist Brian Cox are the Stars in a RallyCross Car. More tomorrow 7.45pm. (S) (HD) Followed by **New.** The Catch Up (S) (HD)

#### 8.00 Race across the World

**8/9** Series 3. The race reaches its climax as the pairs complete their gruelling journey across North America. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 Insurgent ★★

Sci-fi adventure starring Shailene Woodley. Teenage "Divergent" Tris and her fellow rebels continue their fight against tyrant Jeanine. Available on iPlayer for 25 days. **Review page 47.** Director Robert Schwentke (2015, 12) (\$) (W) (HD) Shown Saturday 7.55pm

#### 10.45 Fleabag

1/6 Series 2. Attending an awkward family dinner, Fleabag finds herself intrigued by her godmother's new priest. (S) (AD) (HD) 11.15 2/6. A counselling session elicits an uncomfortable truth from Fleabag. A box set is available on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 11.40 Starstruck

1/6 Series 3. Years after their break-up, Jessie and Tom come face to face at best friend Kate's wedding. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.05am 2/6. Tom's engagement party with new partner Clem puts pressure on Kate as she decides where her lovalties lie. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.25 Eating with My Ex (S) (HD) 12.55 Fleabag (S) (AD) (HD) **1.50** Starstruck (S) (AD) (HD) **2.35** Ellie and Natasia (S) (HD) **2.55 3.55am** Charlotte in Sunderland (S) (HD) BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107

#### ITV2



**6.00am** CITV (S) (HD) **9.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **9.50** Secret Crush (S) (HD) **10.50** Dress to Impress (S) (HD) 12 noon I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! (Ho) 1.15pm Celebrity Catchphrase (S) (HD) 2.00 Supermarket Sweep (S) (HD) 3.00 Secret Crush (S) (HD) 4.00 Dress to Impress (S) (HD) **5.00** I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! Shown yesterday 9pm ITV1 (S) (HD)

6.15pm Catchphrase Claire, Ant and Suelin are the three contestants trying to make sense of the animated clues. (S) (HD) 7.00 Family Fortunes The Shares family go up against the Alveranga family. (S) (HD) **8.00 Bob's Burgers** Series 8. Bob begins serving brunch to compete with Jimmy Pesto, but it soon turns to chaos. (S) (AD) (HD) **8.30** Louise teams up with Millie to find out who mutilated Mr Frond's dolls. (S) (AD) (HD) 9.00 Family Guy Series 10. Joe's son, a soldier missing in action, returns from Iraq. **9.30** *Series 18.* Stewie is traumatised by a visit to Santa at the shopping centre.

10.00 Quagmire has to deal with a change in Ida's relationship with Brian. **10.30** Stewie questions everything he has ever won after receiving a participation medal. **11.00** The network decides it is time to reboot the series. (S) (AD) (HD) 11.30 American Dad! Series 14. Stan buys

the rights to a Broadway show. (S) (AD) (HD)

12 midnight Steve goes under cover. (S) (AD) (HD) 12.30am The Stand Up Sketch Show (S) (HD)
1.30 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records: the most watermelons punched in one minute (S) (HD)
1.45 Unwind (S) (HD) 3.00 Home Shopping (HD)
5.00 Unwind (S) (HD) 5.10–6.00am Totally
Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315

#### ITV3



Maigret 11.25am The sleuth is visited by a provincial schoolteacher

**6.00am** Classic Emmerdale (S) **7.05** Classic Coronation Street (S) (AD) **8.10** Never the Twain: Oliver shows off his green fingers; 8.40 Simon and Oliver fly to Canada (S) 9.15 Wild at Heart: 9/10 Series 6. The mining company has taken over Leopard's Den Repeated 12.05am; **10.20** *10/10*. The family's last stand to stop the mining company from destroying Leopard's Den ends in tragedy Repeated 1.10am (S) (AD) (HD) **11.25** Maigret: **3/6** Series 1. Maigret Goes to School. A teacher is convinced he will be accused of murder (S) (AD)

12.35pm Heartbeat: 4/15. Nick struggles with single parenthood (S) (AD) **1.40** Classic Emmerdale: double bill. Andy phones Debbie's school and pretends to be Cain, then Dawn assures Terry she isn't attracted to new lodger Scott (S) **2.40** Classic Coronation Street: double bill. Deirdre is taken aback, then Rita refuses to accept Cilla's out-of-court settlement (S) (AD) **3.50** Midsomer Murders: Series 8 Hidden Depths: was solicitor Nick Turner's fall from a roof suicide or murder? (S) (AD)

#### 5.50pm Downton Abbey

4/7 Series 1. Violet and Isobel are in conflict over a medical ailment affecting Molesley. Elsewhere, Carson fears there is a thief at Downton. More Friday 5.50pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 6.55 Heartbeat

5/15 Series 5. The police investigate the case of a Peeping Tom. (S) (AD)

#### 8.00 Endeavour

1/4 Series 4. Game. Morse, who is struggling with his emotions after the sudden departure of Joan Thursday, is consumed in a nightmarish case as he hunts a serial killér. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 Grantchester

5/6 Series 4. After Will is summoned back home, a vicious beating leads to a grisly murder at an ancestral home. (S) (AD) (HD) 11.05 6/6. Will, reeling from a tragedy and daunted by the choice he now faces seeks distraction in Geordie's world. Series six starts tomorrow 10pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am Wild at Heart Shown 9.15/10.20am (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) 2.10-2.30am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 +1 F'view 59 (9pm-4am) F'sat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

6.00am Nine Dart Finishes (S) (HD) 6.05 Minder (S) (SL) (AD) **7.05** The Sweeney (S) (SL) **8.05** The Champions (S) **9.10** Robin of Sherwood (S) **10.20** Magnum, PI (S) (HD) **11.25** BattleBots: Tombstone vs Rotator (S) (HD)

12.25pm The Champions (S) 1.30 Robin of Sherwood (S) **2.40** Magnum, PI (S) (HD) **3.40** The Sweeney (S) **4.50** Minder (S) (AD) **5.55** BattleBots: the Desperado tournament (S) (HD)

7.00pm The Grand Fishing Adventure Ali Hamidi and Bobby Zamora's angling tour takes them to northern France. (S) (HD)

8.00 FILM Quantum of Solace \*\*\* Spv adventure starring Daniel Craig. James Bond embarks upon a globe-trotting mission and soon comes into contact with the Quantum organisation, whose intentions are decidedly sinister... English, Spanish, Italian, French +subtitles. Review page 97. (AD) (W) (HD) 10.10 FILM Platoon (1997) Oscar-winning

war drama starring Tom Berenger. Within days of his arrival in Vietnam, college dropout Chris Taylor is plunged into the hellish life of a Gl. **Review page 97.** (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **12.40am** Robin of Sherwood: double bill (S) 2.45-3.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

#### Drama



The Mallorca Files 8.00pm Miranda and Max pursue a wanted man

7.10am All Creatures Great and Small Rptd 4.15pm (S) **8.00** Doctors: double bill. Helen has difficulty with a diagnosis, then Kate has news for the medics **9.20** Classic Holby City: Jac goes into early labour Rptd 2.55am (S) (HD) **10.40** Casualty: Ash's case finally comes to trial 11.50 The Bill: Terry arrests his own brother 12.50pm Classic EastEnders: double bill. Kat's demons come back to haunt her, then Zoe resolves to take action to avenge Kat **2.05** Pie in the Sky: 1/8 Series 5. Crabbe takes on some new responsibilities (S) **3.05**Bergerac: *6/9* Series 7. Jim clashes with Crozier 4.15 All Creatures Great and Small: 1/12 Series 6. Here and There. James is intrigued by a cowhand Shown 7.10am **5.25**The Upper Hand: **2/14** Series 6. Charlie feels guilty when his tennis opponent dies

#### 6.00pm 'Allo 'Allo!

3/6 Series 9. Dead Man Marching. Michelle plans for René to go to England. (s)

6.40 Last of the Summer Wine Series 23. In Search of Childlike Joy and the Farthest Reaches of the Lotus Position. Wesley makes a trolley. (S) 7.20 A Chaise Longue Too Far. Glenda receives an unwanted present. (S)

#### 8.00 The Mallorca Files

9/10 Series 1. Mallorca's Most Wanted Max and Miranda try to catch a wanted man who fled the island. (S) (AD) (HD) 9.00 10/10. The Ex-Factor. Max and Miranda investigate a theft at the home of a reality TV host. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 New Tricks

1/8 Series 3. Lady's Pleasure. The car in which a teacher was murdered five years earlier is reclaimed by its owner, prompting Pullman to reopen the unsolved case, (S) (AD)

#### 11.20 Dalziel & Pascoe

4/5 Series 11. Project Aphrodite A chemist is killed in a sealed lab. (S) (AD) 1.40am Gentleman Jack: 7/8 Series 1. Anne prepares to leave for Europe – but first puts a plan into action (S) (AD) (HD) **2.55–4.00am** Classic Holby City Shown 9.20am (SL)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116 +1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

#### ITVBe



7.00am Buying and Selling (S) (HD) 8.00 Making It Home with Kortney and Dave (S) (HD)

9.00 LittleBe: children's programmes (HD) 12 noon Sugar Showdown (S) (HD) 12.25pm The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills (S) (HD) **1.20** The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD) **2.05** The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD) **3.05** Million Dollar Listing: NYC (S) (HD) **4.05** New. The Real Housewives of Dubai (S) (HD)

6.00pm Making It Home with Kortney and Dave Josh and Rita invite Kortney and Dave to make over their home. (S) (HD) 7.00 The Big Bake: Holiday The bakers create cakes of Santa's sleigh. (S) (HD)

8.00 Host Brad Smith asks the teams to capture the mischief that toys get up to. (S) (HD) **9.00 Botched** Paul Nassif performs rhinoplasty on a woman. (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00 New. Love Island: Australia** Sophie Monk presents the Australian version of the hit relationship-based reality show. (S) (HD) 11.10 New. Vanderpump Rules A "Secrets Revealed" episode giving a glimpse into the fallout of the group post-#Scandoval. (S) (HD) 12.05am The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319

12.45-1.00am Unwind (S) (HD)



### THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER

#### More4





Ancient Egypt by Train with Alice Roberts 9.00pm Alice visits Aswan

**8.55am** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures **9.15** A Place in the Sun **10.05** A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now? **11.05** Find It, Fix It, Flog It: from the Cotswolds 1.10pm Car SOS (AD) 2.10 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It (AD) **3.10** Four in a Bed **5.50** The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes (AD) 6.55pm Escape to the Château With the busy wedding season looming, Angel transforms the Citroën into a mobile bar. (AD) 7.55 Grand Designs Kevin McCloud meets architectural designer Dan and interior designer Nina, who are aiming to build a unique family home in West Sussex. (AD) 9.00 Ancient Egypt by Train with Alice Roberts In Aswan, Professor Alice Roberts visits the quarries that provided the granite Visits the quarties that provided the grafile for the country's extensive collection of Ancient Egyptian monuments. (AD)

10.00 Lost Pharaohs of the Nile For nearly 100 years, ancient Egypt was ruled by a dynasty known as the Black Pharaohs.
Featuring the world's first investigation of the submerged burial chambers of a pyramid and the discovery of what appears to be a Black Pharaoh power base at Jebel Barkal. (AD)

11.05 24 Hours in A&E The doctors must work swiftly to restore blood flow to Zac's foot after the 30-year-old arrives with a severely dislocated and fractured ankle. (AD) 12.10am 999: on the Front Line 1.15 Emergency Helicopter Medics (AD) 2.15 24 Hours in A&E (AD) 3.20–3.50am A Place in the Sun More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland)

Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

#### **E4**

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6.00am Hollyoaks Shown Mon/Tue (AD) 7.00
How I Met Your Mother (AD) 8.00 Baby Daddy
9.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) 10.00 The Big
Bang Theory (AD) 11.00 The Goldbergs (AD)
12 noon The Big Bang Theory (AD) 2.00pm
The Goldbergs (AD) 3.00 Modern Family
4.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine: double bill (AD)
5.00 The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD)
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6.00pm The Big Bang Theory: f5/24 Series 6
Amy suggests moving in with Sheldon. (AD)
6.30 16/24. Sheldon enlists the help of his
assistant Alex to find the perfect gift. (AD)
7.00 Hollyoaks A helping hand from Warren
comes with an ulterior motive. Rptd Mon (AD)
7.30 Young Sheldon 5/22 Series 5. Georgie
has a solution for Meemaw's woes. (AD)
8.00 Modern Family 7/24 Series 1. Manny
takes up fencing with the family's support.
8.30 8/24. Sal comes to visit the family.
9.00 Gogglebox Opinions on The Great
Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer. (AD)
11.05 Naked Attraction Alesia and Louise
try to select their perfect dates. (AD)
12.15am Gogglebox (SL) (AD) 1.20 Rick and Morty
(AD) 1.55 New. My Adventures with Superman
2.20 Married at First Sight Australia 3.30 Below
Deck Sailing Yacht (AD) 4.30 How! Met Your
Mother (AD) 4.55-6.00am The Neighborhood

E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106
+1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306
E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

#### Really

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea 7.00 Shopping 8.00 Salvage Hunters 10.00 The Yorkshire Auction House 11.00 Antiques Road Trip 12 noon Money for Nothing 1.00pm A Place in the Sun 2.00 New series. My 600lb Life 4.00 Animal Cops Miami (AD) 5.00 Helicopter ER 6.00 The Yorkshire Auction House 7.00 Antiques Road Trip 9.00 The Great British Sewing Bee 10.30 My Lottery Dream Home 11.00 Ghost Adventures 12 midnight Portals to Hell 1.00am Ghost Adventures 2.00 Shopping 4.00 as 4pm 5.00-6.00am Salvage Hunters Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

#### **Sky Arts**





**Shakespeare: Macbeth** 9.00pm The doomed king (Christopher Eccleston)

6.00am Arts Uncovered 6.20 Cirque du Soleil: Luzia 8.00 The Joy of Painting 9.00 Tales of the Unexpected (AD) 10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.00 Discovering: Sigourney Weaver: the American actress 12 noon The Joy of Painting 1.00pm Tales of the Unexpected (AD) 2.00 The Art of Architecture 3.00 Wonderland: Gothic 4.00 Discovering: Hugh Grant 5.00 The Joy of Painting: two editions 6.00pm Tales of the Unexpected A woman

6.00pm Tales of the Unexpected A woman finds her husband is looking for a mistress.
6.30 A banker defrauds his employer and initially appears to get away with it. (AD)
7.00 Portrait Artist of the Year The final of the competition to find the UK's most talented portrait artist, with presenter Joan Bakewell sitting for the three contenders.
8.00 Following this year's winner as they paint conservationist Jane Goodall.
9.00 New. Shakespeare: Macbeth A 2018 production of the tragedy in which a general in medieval Scotland plots to seize the throne.

production of the tragedy in which a general in medieval Scotland plots to seize the throne. Christopher Eccleston and Niamh Cusack star. 11.15 New. Sky Arts Ambassador Bursary Shorts Behind the scenes at the Royal Society of Literature. Last in series. 11.25 The Ventures: Stars on Guitars The story of the instrumental rock group.

Ine story of the instrumental rock group.
1.20am Discovering: Jodie Foster 2.20 The
Eighties (AD) 3.15 The Music Videos That Shaped
the 80s 4.10 Master of Photography (AD)
5.05-6.00am Cheltenham Literature Festival
Sky Arts Freeview 36 Freesat 147 Sky 130 (131 Scotland)

**Sky Arts Freeview** 36 **Freesat** 147 **Sky** 130 (131 Scotland) **Virgin** 140/HD 123 **EE** 350/HD 365

#### 4seven

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9.00am Come Dine with Me: from Bristol
11.30 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas (AD)
1.30pm A Place in the Sun 2.30 Come Dine with Me 5.00 The Great House Giveaway
6.00pm A Place in the Sun Jacqueline and Lynne look for a home in Roquetas de Mar.
7.00 Danni Menzies helps Sandra and Dave to find a home in or around La Duquesa.
8.00 Location, Location, Location Ep 5
Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer catch up with mother and daughter Linda and Laura, who in 2017 were looking for a Bristol bolthole.
9.00 Grand Designs Ep 7. In 2019, master carpenter Olaf and his partner Fritha set out to try to create an oasis in West Sussex.
Shown yesterday 9pm Channel 4 (AD)
10.00 24 Hours in Police Custody

Feature-length special telling the inside story of an armed siege in a Bedford tower block.

11.45 FILM The Father ILLLLL Drama starring Anthony Hopkins. An 80-year-old man with dementia has difficulty recognising the world around him. Matters grow more distressing as he begins to suspect the people around him of malevolent intent.

Review p47. Shown Saturday 9.25pm C4 (AD)

1.40am Gogglebox (AD) 3.15 Travel Man: 96 Hours in Iceland 4.15-4.45am Father Christmas (AD)

4seven F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 (138 Scot) Virgin 143

#### Quest

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6.00am How Do They Do It? 6.30 Shed and Buried 7.00 The Repair Shop 8.00 American Pickers (AD) 10.00 Chasing Classic Cars 11.00 Extreme Car Hoarders 12 noon How Do They Do It? 1.00pm Money for Nothing 2.00 The Repair Shop 3.00 Find It, Fix It, Drive It 4.00 Salvage Hunters 5.00 Salvage Hunters the Restorers 6.00 Wheeler Dealers (AD) 7.00 Aussie Gold Hunters 8.00 Salvage Hunters 9.00 New. Million Dollar Wheels: RD shows a buyer a McLaren Senna 10.00 New. Lucky! 11.00 How Do They Do It? 12 midnight Wheeler Dealers (AD) 1.00am Cornwall Air 999 2.00 Chasing Classic Cars 3.00 Extreme Car Hoarders 4.00–5.00am How It's Made

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

#### Yesterday





**Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics** 9.00pm A 1979 Lotus Esprit S3

**6.10am** Hornby: a Model World (AD) **8.00** Abandoned Engineering (AD) **10.00** The World at War **11.00** Nazi Hunters

12 noon Great Continental Railway Journeys 1.00pm Antiques Roadshow 2.00 Bangers and Cash 4.00 Nazi Hunters 5.00 The World at War: the bombing of provincial cities

6.00pm Great Continental Railway
Journeys Michael Portillo explores Poland.
7.00 Antiques Roadshow Items valued at
Balmoral include medals awarded to a man
who helped rescue survivors from the *Titanic*.
8.00 Bangers and Cash A man reluctantly
sends his Jaguar E-Type to auction, while
Dave admires two E-rype to auction, while

Dave admires two Ford Escorts.

9.00 Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics
Dave alerts the team to a 1979 Lotus Esprit S3.
It's an expensive purchase but it's also a
classic in need of a solid recommission. (AD)
10.00 Bangers and Cash A Cold War
Soviet classic goes under the hammer.

11.00 Abandoned Engineering Exploring
a French castle, the ruins of a Kansas City
hospital and an ancient Turkish city. (AD)
12 midnight Great British Railway Journeys
1.00am Hornby: a Model World (AD) 2.00
3.00am The Architecture the Railways Built (AD)

Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 +1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

#### Dave



**7.10am** Exploration Volcano (AD) **8.00** Cops on the Rock (AD) **9.00** Cop Car Workshop **10.00** Train Truckers **11.00** The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure: life in Sweden (AD)

**12 noon** Storage Hunters UK **2.00pm** Top Gear (AD) **3.00** Top Gear Botswana Special (AD) **4.00** Cop Car Workshop **5.00** The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure (AD)

6.00pm Rick Stein's Long Weekends
The chef heads to Palermo, Sicily. (AD)
7.00 Richard Osman's House of Games
Jessie Cave, Ayesha Hazarika, Simon Hickson
and AJ Pritchard take part in the quiz.
7.40 With guests Johnny Ball, Suzi Ruffell,
Nina Wadia and Danny Wallace.
8.20 Would I Lie to You? Guests include

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Bob Mortimer, Miles Jupp and Sarah Hadland.
9.00 QI XL Guests include Ruby Wax.
10.00 Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of
Crisps 3/8 Series 4. Jonny ruins his first date.
10.35 4/8. Louise applies for a new job.
11.15 Mock the Week Dara O Briain looks
back on the latest events in the news.
11.55 With Maisie Adam, Ed Byrne, Larry
Dean, Ed Gamble and Tiff Stevenson.
12.35am Would I Lie to You? 1.15 Ol 1.55 Meet the
Richardsons 3.05-4.00am We Are Not Alone (AD)

Richardsons **3.05–4.00am** We Are Not Alone (AD)

Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127

Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

#### Sky Mix

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7.00am Border Security: America's Front Line 8.00 Nothing to Declare (AD) 9.00 Motorway Patrol (AD) 10.00 UK Border Force (AD) 11.00 Highway Patrol 12 noon Motorway Patrol (AD) 1.00pm Border Patrol 2.00 Border Security: America's Front Line 3.00 Nothing to Declare (AD) 4.00 Stargate Atlantis 5.00 Stargate SG-1 6.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 7.00 Star Trek: Voyager 8.00 New. NCIS: Los Angeles First shown on Sky Max 9.00 New. A Discovery of Witches: Matthew's attempts to rescue Diana from Juliette go horribly wrong First shown on Sky Showcase (AD) 10.00 The Real Manhunter (AD) 11.00 Britain's Most Evil Killers: Andrzej Kunowski 12 midnight World's Most Evil Killers: the crimes of serial killer Bobby Joe Long (AD) 1.00m The Force: Manchester 2.00 Road Wars 3.00 Highway Patrol: double bill 4.00 Motorway Patrol 5.00-6.00am Highway Cops: two editions Sky Mix Freeview II Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

#### 5 USA



9.00am NCIS (AD) 10.55 Entertainment News 11.00 NCIS (AD) 12 noon Law & Order 3.55pm Entertainment News 4.00 Law & Order 6.00 NCIS Series 13. Triple bill. A manhunt for a disgraced British spy continues 7.00 There's an explosion at the family home of former team member Ziva 8.00 Series 14. The team investigates a fellow agent's disappearance in Argentina (AD) 9.00 Jesse Stone: Sea Change: the New England police chief investigates an unsolved case involving a bank teller who was shot 10.50 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 2.45am Blacklist 3.35–4.00am 999: Criminals Caught on Camera: the use of CCTV to fight crime 5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) +1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

#### 5 Star



**8.00am** Entertainment News **8.05** Bargain Loving Brits by the Sea **10.05** GPs: behind Closed Doors (AD) **12.05pm** Traffic Cops **2.05** Police Interceptors: triple bill

5.10pm FILM Christmas Matchmakers ★★
Romance starring Anna Marie Dobbins
7.00 GPs: behind Closed Doors Doctors
help a man with a lump on his head and
a patient who has lost her voice. (AD)
8.00 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts

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A 50-year-old man is rushed in after an
accident involving a garden shredder.
9.00 Ambulance: Code Red Dr Ben Taylor
and paramedic Aiden Brown come to the aid
of an II-year-old boy who is trapped in the
wreckage of the car he was travelling in. (AD)
10.00 A&E after Dark An elderly pedestrian
has been run over by a motorcycle, and a CT
scan reveals broken ribs and a broken shoulder.
11.00 Trauma Room One Shaun has
acromegaly, a condition that causes his feet
and hands to keep growing. Shown yesterday 9pm
12 midnight Revenge: three back-to-back episodes
2.35-3.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera

**5 Star Freeview** 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

#### 5 Action



**9.00am** Winter Road Rescue **10.00** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders **11.00** Police Interceptors **11.55 FILM** Death of a Gunfighter ★★★ Western

2.00pm FILM The Shepherd of the Hills \*\*\* Adventure starring John Wayne and Betty Field 4.00 Winter Road Rescue 5.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders 6.00pm Police Interceptors Scott and Days track a pair of mebiliphops things.

Dave track a pair of mobile-phone thieves. **7.00** A crash ruptures a gas main. **8.00** A stick of dynamite is brought into Carlisle's main police station.

**9.00 New. Trucking Hell** When a driver transporting alcohol decouples at a lorry park, his trailer's landing legs are swallowed by porous tarmac, pushing Jordan and Merrie's recovery skills to the limit.

10.00 New. Extreme Tow Truckers Jessie from GRS Towing has to transport an eight-ton river boat across three states for a desperate oyster farmer hoping to save her business.

11.00 Wrestling Wrestling action.

12 midnight Ultimate Police Interceptors
1.00-3.00am Sleepy Hollow

**5 Action** Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

#### 5 Select



9.00am Cash in the Attic (AD) 11.00 The Yorkshire Vet 12 noon FILM Next Stop, Christmas ★★ Fantasy comedy drama 1.50pm Entertainment News 2.00 The Yorkshire Vet (AD) 4.00 The Highland Vet 5.00 Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild 6.00pm Walking Victorian Britain Onyeka Nubia explores the history of Victorian London. 7.00 Christmas at Kew Gardens The festive celebrations at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. 8.00 Freddie Mercury: a Christmas Story Reflecting on Freddie Mercury and Queen. 10.00 Greatest ABBA Cover Versions Ever The stories behind the songs. 11.00 Britain's Favourite Ads of the 70s and 80s A celebration of TV commercials. 1.00am Forged in Fire: a pair of Spetsnaz shovels 2.50 The Blacklist: Liz refuses to collaborate 2.55-3.00am Entertainment News 5 Select Fview (H0 only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

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# THURSDAY Freeview & films



**999 Rescue Squad** 9.00pm A search for a missing plane

6.10am Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day **6.35** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers **7.00** My Dream Home **8.00** Tipping Point 10.00 DIY SOS: the Big Build 11.00 DIY SOS 12 noon DIY SOS: the Big Build **1.00pm** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars 4.00 My Dream Home

6.00pm Property Brothers: Forever Homes After a single mother's news of cancer remission. she and her daughter need help preparing her forever home. (AD)

7.00 DIY SOS: the Big Build The team transforms a home for a woman who has cerebral palsy.

8.00 Emergency: First Time Medics The hospital IT crashes. (AD)

9.00 999 Rescue Squad A pilot and passenger are missing.

10.00 24 Hours in A&E A man is treated after severing four fingers.

11.00 999 Rescue Squad A supercar bursts into flames. 12 midnight One Born Every Minute

1.00am Plate of Origin 2.25-3.00am Inside the Ambulance W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

### **HGTV**

**7.00am** The Saved and Remade Workshop **8.00** The Great Interior Design Challenge (AD) **9.00** A Place in the Sun **10.00** Escape to the Country **11.00** Your Garden Made Perfect 12 noon The Saved and Remade 12 noon The Saved and Remade
Workshop 1.00pm Mew. Bargain
Mansions (AD) 2.00 Flip or Flop 3.00
The Great Interior Design Challenge
(AD) 4.00 Escape to the Country
5.00 The Saved and Remade Workshop
6.00 Salvage Hunters: the Restorers (AD)
7.00 Money for Nothing 8.00 Rock the
Block 9.00 New. Christina on the Coast:
Christina transforms a family home into Christina transforms a family home into a modern coastal retreat (AD) 10.00 New. Selling the Hamptons: Peggy gears up for an open house and the largest commission of her career 11.00 Bargain Mansions (AD) 12 midnight Your Garden

Made Perfect 1.00am The Saved and Remade Workshop **2.00** The Great Interior Design Challenge (AD) **3.00– 4.00am** My Lottery Dream Home

HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191 +1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

#### **London Live**

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am Sara Dane 7.00 Shine On Harvey Moon 8.00 Never the Twain 8.30 After Henry 9.00 The Brothers McGregor 10.00 Shine On Harvey Moon 11.00 The World's Most Extraordinary Families 12 noon Wild Britain with Ray Mears 1.00pm FILM Silent Dust ★ (BW) 2.45 FILM Once a Jolly Swagman ★★
(BW) 4.50 London Districts 5.00 The
Hairy Bikers' Pubs That Built Britain 5.45 Secrets of London 6.00 News 7.00 Emmeline Pankhurst: the Making of a Militant 8.00 World War II: the Price of Empire 9.00 The Comic Strip Presents... Five Go to Rehab 10.00 Murder Maps 11.00 The Irish Mob 12 midnight FILM Imprisoned \*\* 2.00am Murder in Suburbia **3.00** Discover London **3.30** Rewind **5.00–6.00am** Talking Points

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#### Food Network 43



Rachel Allen's Everyday Kitchen at Christmas 10.30pm

6.00am New. The Kitchen 7.00 Holiday Baking Championship **8.00** The Great British Bake Off (AD) **9.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas 9.30 Jamie's Family Christmas 10.00 Farmhouse Rules 10.30 Giada's Holiday Handbook 11.00 Gordon's Ultimate Seasonal Specials

12 noon The Pioneer Woman 12.30pm Girl Meets Farm 1.00 Marcus Wareing at Christmas 1.30 Jamie's Family Christmas 2.00 The Great British Bake Off (AD) **3.00** Gordon's Ultimate Seasonal Specials **4.00** The Great British Christmas Menu **5.30** Girl Meets Farm **6.00** The Great British Bake Off (AD) **7.00 New.** Marcus Wareing at Christmas **7.30** Jamie's Family Christmas **8.00** Gordon's Ultimate Seasonal Specials **9.00** The Great British Christmas Menu **10.30** Rachel Allen's Everyday Kitchen at Christmas **11.00** New. Holiday Baking Championship: the bakers craft fresh corn desserts 12 midnight Buddy Vs Duff 1.30am Rachel Allen's Everyday Kitchen at Christmas 2.00-3.00am Beat Bobby Elbar Beldika Thomadows

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#### (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot) **Great TV**

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 9.00 Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **11.00** Castle 1.00pm Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 5.00 Murder She Wrote **7.00** M\*A\*S\*H **9.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased): Jeff investigates Marty's claims that his grave is being desecrated 10.00 The Persuaders!: Danny and Brett help a woman in distress 11.00 Return of the Saint 12 midnight M\*A\*S\*H 2.00am

Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **3.00** The Persuaders! **3.50** Movie News **4.00** Castle **4.50–5.00am** Movie News

**Great TV** Freeview 50 *(limited)* Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

#### True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives **11.00** Written In Blood **1.00pm** The Jury Room **3.00** Medical Detectives **5.00** Written In Blood: double bill. Simon Toyne unravels the story of Banaz Mahmod, then he analyses the notorious murder of James Bulger, who was abducted and killed by two ten-year-old boys

7.00 Judge Judy
1.00am Written in Blood 3.00 The Jury Room 4.50 Medical Detectives 5.40-6.00am Judge Judy

True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 **Sky** 147 **Virgin** 172

#### BBC Parliament 232

**7.00am** Wales Office Questions **7.30** PMQs **8.05** House of Commons **9.30** Live Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Questions **10.10** Live Attorney General Questions **10.30** Live Business Questions **11.15** Live House of Commons **5.30pm** Scottish FMQs **6.15** Lords Questions **6.55** House of Lords 2.15am Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Questions **2.55** Attorney General Questions **3.15** Business Questions 4.00-6.00am House of Commons

**BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201** Sky 504 Virgin 605

#### PBS America 84



Wellington v Napoleon: Aftermath of Waterloo 8.30pm

6.00am Plane Crash Re-created 6.55 Jazz 8.00 Beautiful Serengeti 8.30 World of Stonehenge 9.45 Auschwitz in 33 Objects 10.50 New Wellington v Napoleon: Aftermath of Waterloo 11.55 as 9.35pm 1.00pm Beautiful Serengeti **1.45** World of Stonehenge **2.55** as 7.20pm **4.00** as 8.30pm **5.05** as 9.35pm

6.10pm World of Stonehenge 4/4 An exploration of the Bronze Age.

7.20 Auschwitz in 33 Objects 4/5 Stories from Auschwitz-Birkenau.

8.30 Wellington v Napoleon: Aftermath of Waterloo The lives of the first Duke of Wellington and Napoleon Bonaparte.

9.35 Prince Albert: a Victorian Hero Revealed Prince Albert's influence on British culture.

10.40 Auschwitz in 33 Obiects As 7.20pm.

12 midnight as 8.30pm 1.05am Beautiful Serengeti **1.40** World of Stonehenge **2.40** as 9.35pm **3.30** Plane Crash Re-created **4.25–6.00am** Jazz

PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

6.00am Hardcore Pawn 7.20 Rust Valley Restorers **8.15** Ancient Aliens **10.10** Hunting Nazi Treasure **11.10** Digging for Britain **12.10pm** The Proof Is Out There **1.05** Pawn Stars **2.05** Container Wars **2.35** Hardcore Pawn **4.00** Ancient Aliens **6.00** Rust Valley Restorers **7.00** Storage Wars: Ivy puts economies of scale to the test **7.30** New. Container Wars **8.00** Dickinson's Real Deal: David Dickinson and the team visit Witney in Oxfordshire **9.00** New. Ancient Aliens 10.00 Craig Charles: UFO Conspiracies: a perplexing UFO encounter in south Wales **11.00** Close Encounters Down Under 12 midnight Hunting Nazi Treasure 1.00am Diagning for Britain 2.00 Irish Pickers 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal 3.45 Storage Wars 4.10 Alone 5.00-6.00am Pawn Stars

Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

#### Challenge

7.00am The Chase 10.00 Cash in the Attic **11.00** Bargain Hunt **12 noon** Wheel of Fortune (AD) 1.00pm Tenable: quiz hosted by Warwick Davis in which friends from East Sussex answer questions about top ten lists, then attempt to score a perfect ten in the final round **2.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **3.00** Cash in the Attic **4.00** Bargain Hunt **5.00** Bullseye **6.00pm** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **7.00** Weakest Link: Anne Robinson hosts the general knowledge quiz **8.00** The Chase: double bill of the quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh **10.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: Chris Tarrant hosts the quiz **11.00** Tenable 12 midnight Weakest Link 1.00am
Cash Trapped 2.00 The Chase
4.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?
5.00-6.00am Bullseye: double bill

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### CHILDREN'S

#### Milkshake! on C5

5.50am Pip and Posy 6.00 New. 5.50am Pip and Posy 6.00 New. News 6.10 New. Badgers 6.15 Sunny Bunnies 6.20 Peppa Pig 6.25 Oggy Oggy 6.35 Odo 6.40 New. Tweedy & Fluff 6.45 Fireman Sam 6.55 Thomas & Friends 7.10 Peppa Pig 7.20 Paw Patrol 7.35 Pip and Posy 7.40 The Adventures of Paddington 8.00 New. Animal Care Club 8.15 Milo 8.30 Paw Animal Care Club 8.15 Milo 8.30 Paw Animal Care Club **8.15** Milo **8.30** Paw Patrol **8.45** Chip and Potato **8.55** Peppa Pig **9.05–9.15am New.** Story Den Full listings for Channel 5 are on p94

#### **CBeebies**

6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 Vegesaurs 6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 Vegesaurs 6.10 Bing 6.20 Teletubbies 6.35 Tee and Mo 6.40 Chuggington 6.50 Bing 7.00 Colourblocks 7.05 Hey Dugges 7.20 Bluey 7.40 Go Jetters 7.50 Peter Rabbit 8.05 Octonauts 8.15 Numberblocks 8.20 Alphablocks 8.25 Popcast 8.35 Justin's House 9.00 Bing 9.10 Yakka Deel 9.15 Love Monster 2.20 Birds 9.35 Columblocks 9.30 9.20 Dipdap 9.25 Colourblocks 9.30
Twirlywoos 9.45 Something Special
10.05 Teletubbies 10.20 The Toddler
Club 10.35 Tiny Wonders 10.40 New.
Olga Da Polga 10.50 Gecko's Garage Olga Da Polga 10.50 Gecko's Garage 10.55 Bluey 11.00 Supertato 11.10 Let's Go for a Walk 11.25 Popcast 11.30 Teeny Tiny Creatures 11.45 My First Festival 12 noon Big Cook Little Cook 12.20pm Waffle the Wonder Dog 12.30 12.20pm Waffle the Wonder Dog 12.30 Get Well Soon 12.45 Safari Adventures 1.00 Yakka Dee! 1.05 Numberblocks 1.10 Alphablocks 1.15 Hey Duggee 1.25 Love Monster 1.40 Colourblocks 1.45 Something Special 2.00 My Petsaurus 2.05 Teletubbies 2.20 Dipdap 2.25 Supertato 2.30 Go Jetters 2.45 Maddie's Do You Know? 3.00 Prehistoric Adventures 3.10 Our Family Prehistoric Adventures 3.10 Our Family Prehistoric Adventures 3.10 Our Family 3.15 New. Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest 3.30 Love Monster 3.40 Hey Duggee 3.45 Peter Rabbit 4.00 New. Dog Squad 4.10 Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest Minis 4.15 The Game Catchers 4.25 Bluey 4.40 Supertato 4.45 Go Jetters 5.00 New. I Can Do It, You Can Too 5.15 Biff and Chip 5.25 Sarah & Duck 5.35 JoJo & Gran Gran 5.45 Moon and Me 6.10 Clangers 6.20 In the Night Garden 6.500-7.00m Bertlime Stories Garden... 6.50-7.00pm Bedtime Stories CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

#### **CBBC**

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7.00am Shaun the Sheen 7.05 7.00am Shaun the Sheep 7.05 Danger Mouse 7.20 Dennis & Gnasher 7.35 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 7.45 New. Newsround 7.55 Crizzy and the Lemmings 8.00 New. Andy and the Band 8.20 Odd Squad 8.30 Monster Loving Maniacs 8.40 Operation Ouch! 9.10 Deadly 60 9.40 Andy and the Band 9.55 Nine Minute Ninja 10.05 Lagging 10.30 Horrible Histories 10.55 Shark Bites 11.00 Bitesize 11.20 Out of This World 11.30 Our School 11.55 Danger Mouse **12.15pm** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **12.50** Dennis & Gnasher **1.25** Grizzy and the Lemmings **1.40** Summer Camp and the Lemmings 1.40 Summer Camp Island 1.55 Katy 2.25 Jamie Johnson FC 2.50 The Zoo 3.05 OOglies Funsize 3.10 The Deep 3.30 Danger Mouse 3.40 Ninja Express 3.55 Taffy 4.00 Grizzy and the Lemmings 4.15 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 4.30 Monster Loving Maniacs 4.40 Odd Squad 5.05 New. Total Dramarama 5.30 New. Pokémon Horizons 5.50 Shaun the Sheep 6.20 Nikki Lilly Meets 6.30-7.00pm The Next Step

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#### ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noor

#### ITV2

6.00am DC Super Hero Girls 6.10 **New.** Teen Titans Go! **6.25** Dodd **6.50** Mr Bean: the Animated Ser **7.45** Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! **8.10** What's New Scooby-Doo? **8.30–9.00am** Scooby-Doo and Guess Who?

#### **ITVB**e

9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Lily's Driftwood Bay 9.25 The Hive 9.35 Bobo 9.45 Claude 10.00 Oddbods 10.10 Ollie 10.15 The Sound Collector 10.25 Sooty 10.40 Pingu in the City 10.50 Bob the Builder: two episodes 11.15 New. Teletubbies Let's 60 11.25 Postman Pat 11.45–12 noon Mumfie

#### Film4

11.00am Thunder Bay ★★ Predictable drama. James Stewart (1953, U) (S) 1.10pm Santa Fe Passage ★★ Run-of-the-mill western starring John Payne. Faith Domergue (1955, U) (S) (AD)

3.00 The Smallest Show on Earth ★★★★ Bill Travers and Virginia McKenna inherit a crumbling cinema in this charming comedy whose cast alone makes it a must-see. **Review, right.** (1957, U) (S) 4.40 First Men in the Moon

★★★ Colourfully engaging sci-fi adventure based on the HG Wells novel about a Victorian lunar expedition. Edward Judd (1964, U) (S) (AD)

6.55pm Galaxy Quest ♣♣♣♣♣ A group of TV actors is mistaken by aliens for real space adventurers in this very funny sci-fi spoof. Review, right. Tim Allen,

Sigourney Weaver, Alan Rickman (1999, PG) (S) (AD) 9.00 Ben-Hur ★★★ Brash remake of the period epic with Jack Huston as the prince reduced to a slave by the man he considered a brother. (2016, 12) (S) (AD)

11.25 Under Siege ★★★★ Slick nautical spin on the Die Hard concept with Steven Seagal as a cook who becomes the US Navy's only hope when terrorists come aboard. Tommy Lee Jones (1992, 15) (S) (AD)

1.30-3.50am The Long Good Friday ★★★★ Explosively violent thriller about an East End gangster who seeks revenge after a rival ruins a property deal. Bob Hoskins (1979, 18) (S) (AD)

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### Talking

82 Pictures TV 6.00am The Larkins TV comedy. (S) 6.40 Penny Serenade ★★★★

Moving romantic melodrama about the breakdown of a childless couple's marriage, told through flashbacks Cary Grant, Irene Dunne (1941, U) (S) 9.00 Law of the Plainsman TV drama. (S)
9.30 She Knows Y'Know Hylda Baker leads this lively, if dated, farce. Cyril Smith (1961, PG) (S) **11.00 The** Angel Who Pawned Her Harp 🖈 Whimsical fantasy comedy. Diane Cliento (1954, U) (S) 12.30pm King of the Khyber Rifles \*\* Lavish but tepid Boys' Own adventure. Tyrone Power, Terry Moore, Michael Rennie (1953, U) (S) **2.30** Crown Court TV drama. (\$) 3.10 Eternally Yours ★★★ Magician David Niven charms Loretta Young out of a cosy society marriage in this

enjoyable romantic drama Review. right. (1939, PG) (S) **5.05 The Glass**Mountain \*\* Terribly British
romantic drama. Michael Denison (1949, U) 7.00pm RJ Mitchell: Aircraft Designer TV documentary.(S)

8.00 Danger UXB TV drama . 9.00 Rumpole of the Bailey British TV courtroom drama. 10.05 Hannibal Brooks ★★ Tepic

adventure in which PoW Oliver Reed takes along an elephant when escaping from the Germans. (1968, 12) (S)

12.10am Never Take Candy from a Stranger ★★★ Daring, disturbing drama about child sexual abuse, following a family dealing with the social fallout when their daughter is molested by a local bigwig. Gwen Watford (1960, 12) (S) **2.00 The Main Chance** TV drama. **3.00 Five** ★★★ Involving but rather cheap sci-fi drama following human survivors after a devastating A-bomb blast. William Phipps (1951) (S) 4.50-6.00am Flight from Vienna ★★ Decent low-budget spy

drama, John Bentley, Theodore Bikel (1955, U) (S)

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#### Great Movies 34

9.00am A Woman Deceived ★★
Predictable thriller. Ashley Scott (2017)
10.55 Eve of Abduction ★★
Neatly plotted thriller. Sarah Lind (2018)
1.00pm Love is a Piece of Cake
★★ Sugary romance. Lindsey Gort (2020)
3.05 Seasoned with Love ★★
A budding TV chef lends her skills
to a small-town inn and its widowed
owner. Julia Benson (2021) 5.00 Burden
of Evil ★★ Convoluted thriller in
which a detective is called in to take
charge of a kidnap case. Natalie Zea (2011)
7.05pm Hush ★ Ludicrous thriller.
Jessica Lange, Gwyneth Paltrow (1998, 12)

9.00 All the Money in the World
★★★ Crime thriller loosely based
on real events, starring Christopher
Plummer. Review, right. (2017, 15)

11.50 A Most Violent Year \*\*\*\* Gripping, slow-burning crime thriller in which a man's future hangs on a business deal. Oscar Isaac (2014, 15)

2.20am Hidden Intentions ★★
A grieving sister is not all that she
seems in this leaky thriller. Ashlynn
Yennie (2018) 4.00-5.40am An Aurora
Teagarden Mystery: Last Scene Alive
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**Sky** 321 **Virgin** 425 **+1 Freeview** 61 (*limited* 10pm-5am) **Sky** 322

#### Great Action 42

8.10am Wild West Chronicles 8.40
Jack McCall, Desperado ★★ Civil
War-set western. George Montgomery (1953, U)
10.20 The Bamboo Prison ★★★
Robert Francis faces brutal treatment
in a North Korean camp, in this
watchable PoW drama. (1954) 12 noon
Wild West Chronicles 1.00pm Cripple
Creek ★★ Lawmen infiltrate a band
of gold robbers in this solid western.
(1952, U) 2.40 Gunfighters ★★
Predictable western. (1947, Pc) 4.25
Operation Barbarossa 5.25 Eight
Iron Men ★★ Long-winded wartime
rescue drama. Bonar Colleano (1952)

7.10pm Seattle Superstorm ★★
Shaky special effects feature in this
low-budget sci-fi thriller. Esai Morales (2012)
9.00 Nowhere to Run ★★ Softcentred action thriller starring
Jean-Claude Van Damme. (1992, 15)
10.55 Black Water ★★ Jean-

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for general viewing, but some scenes may be unsuitable for young or sensitive children; 12,15,18

PG Parental Guidance -

Claude Van Damme plays an agent held captive in this thriller. (2018, 15)

1.05am The Marksman ★★
Gung-ho action adventure. Wesley Snipes
(2005, 15) 3.00 Wild West Chronicles
4.00-5.00am Battle for Warsaw
Great Action Freeview 42 (limited)

# F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324 Great Movies 52 Christmas

8.00am A Christmas Reunion
★★ Harmless romantic tale. (2015)
10.00 Christmas Makeover ★★
Fun tale. (2018) 12 noon A Christmas
Coincidence ★★ Romantic drama.
Kimberly Sustad (2018) 2.00pm Enchanted
Christmas ★★ Predictable but
sweet enough love story. Alexa PenaVega
(2017) 4.00 Dancing through
Christmas ★★ Heartwarming
romance. Annalynne McCord (2021)

**6.00pm Cupid for Christmas**★★ Cupid's scatty apprentice is determined to impress her boss.
Melanie Stone, Ryan Carnes, Richard Kind (2021, PG)

8.00 Christmas on Ice ★★ Two ex winter athletes work together to save a skating rink. Abigail Klein (2020)
10.00 Christmas Festival of Ice

★★ Routine but warm-hearted romance. Taylor Cole, Damon Runyan (2017)

12 midnight A Bride for Christmas

★★ Light-hearted romcom. (2012)

12 midnight A Bride for Christmas
★★ Light-hearted romcom. (2012)
2.00am Highway to Heaven 3.005.00am Another Christmas Kiss
★★ Easy-going romcom. (2014)

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#### **Sky Premiere**

6.00am Sky Cinema Preview 7.00 As 11.45pm **10.10 The 12 Days of Christmas Eve** ★★★ Kelsey Grammer is the Scrooge-like figure who is forced to mend his ways in this sentimental time-loop comedy. (2022) 12 noon As 6pm 2.00pm As 8pm 3.50 The Three Musketeers: D'Artagnan ★★★★ Exciting adaptation of part one of the classic novel. Review p38. François Civil (2023, 15) **6.00pm Love Again** ★★ Celine Dion lends a little star power to this schmaltzy romcom, Privanka Chopra (2023, 12) 8.00 Genie ★★★ Clever, cheesy festive comedy about a magical being assigned to help a workaholic father. Review p38. Melissa McCarthy (2023) 9.40 A Thousand and One \*\*\* Empathetic indie drama about the changing fortunes of a mother and the son she "kidnaps" from the foster system, Tevana Taylor (2023, 15)

11.45 Beau Is Afraid ★★★
Wickedly funny black comedy in
which an anxious New Yorker faces
a series of obstacles while trying to
visit his mother. Joaquin Phoenix (2023, 15)
2.55am As 10.10am 4.45 As 3.50pm

Sky Premiere Sky 301 Virgin 401 EE 501/HD 515 +1 Sky 312

#### Legend

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8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger 9.00 The Six Million Dollar Man 10.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **11.00 The Day the Earth Stopped**★ Sci-fi mockbuster. C Thomas Howell, Judd Nelson (2009, 15) **1.00pm It Came from Outer Space II ★** Lacklustre update of the 1953 classic sci-fi Rrian Kerwin (1996, PG) 3.00 Strange Invaders ★★★★ Warmly sci-fi about aliens who have settled on Earth. Review p107, Paul Le Mat (1983-12) 5.00 Star Trek 6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space TV sci-fi adventure serie 7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man TV sci-fi series with Lee Majors. 8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger TV action drama with Chuck Norris. 9.00 Narrow Margin ★★★ The cat-and-mouse games are a delight in this efficient remake of the 1952 thriller, Review, right, (1990, 15) 10.55 Maximum Overdrive \*\* Patchy comic horror. Emilio Estevez (1986, 18) 12.50am Dog Eat Dog ★★ Meandering crime thriller, Nicolas Cage (2015, 18) 2.40-4.30am Howl \*\* Werewolves pick off train passengers

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in this stylish horror. Ed Speleers (2015, 18)

8.00am 10.5 Apocalypse 10.00
Andromeda 11.00 The Blood Beast
Terror ★ Peter Cushing struggles to
avoid the dodgy horror clichés in a
clumsy Victorian-era yarn about a
bloodsucking monster on the loose.
(1967, 12) 1.00pm Bone Eater ★ Bruce
Boxleitner and a cast of has-beens
are terrorised by an unconvincing
skeletal demon in this daft horror.
(2007) 3.00 Andromeda 4.00 Star
Trek 5.00 Battlestar Wars ★
Zero-budget, CGI-heavy sci-fi
mockbuster. Luke Fattorusso (2020, 12)

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7.00pm Andromeda TV sci-fi.

8.00 Star Trek TV sci-fi drama.

9.00 Beware My Brethren ★★

Uncompromising in both its assault on religious cultism and in its blood-letting, this is an extremely raw, but undeniably disturbing chiller. Ann Todd, Patrick Magee (1971)

10.55 A Good Woman Is Hard to Find \*\*\* Slow-burning thriller in which a young widow is driven to increasingly bloody lengths to protect her family. Sarah Bolger (2019, 18)
1.00-3.00am As 9pm

**Legend Xtra F'view** 69 **F'sat** 138 **Sky** 317 **Virgin** 171 **+1 F'sat** 139 **Sky** 318 **Virgin** 371

# **FILM REVIEWS**



Witness for the Prosecution 8.00-9.55pm BBC4

prama Director Billy Wilder's gleefully enjoyable film version of Agatha Christie's play stars Tyrone Power as a man on trial for murder, with Marlene Dietrich (above) as his wife, who testifies against him. The whole plot is an intricate, slightly leaky bag of tricks, but Wilder throws up a variety of smokescreens to conceal the cracks. He also provides the broadest stage imaginable for Charles Laughton, who gives a performance of epic invention and hamminess as the barrister. The role of Laughton's nurse is played by his real-life wife. Elsa Lanchester. ADRIAN TURNER (US 1957, BW, HD)

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### The Smallest Show on Earth $\star\star\star\star$

3.00-4.40pm **Film4** 

COMEDY In praise of fleapits everywhere, this comic gem stars Bill Travers and Virginia McKenna as the couple who inherit an old cinema and decide to reopen it to the public. The sequence in which projectionist Peter Sellers, pianist Margaret Rutherford and doorman Bernard Miles relive the silent era's glories is a highlight.

DAVID PARKINSON (UK 1957, BW)

### Eternally Yours ★★★ 3.10-4.55pm

Talking Pictures TV

DRAMA New to Talking Pictures TV, this endearing romance is from a time when Hollywood really knew how to cook the recipe properly. Director Tay Garnett lets the movie coast along on the charm of his leads, with Loretta Young as the young bride-to-be who falls for magician David Niven.

TONY SLOMAN (US 1939, BW)

#### Galaxy Quest

6.55-9.00pm **Film4** 

SCI-FI In this entertaining spoof, actors from a sci-fi TV show are mistaken for the real thing and recruited to defend a dying alien race. The note-perfect cast includes Tim Allen, Sigourney Weaver and Alan Rickman, and the film not only succeeds as a Star Trek satire, but also as an engaging space saga in its own right. **JASON CARO** (US 1999, edited for content, HD)

### Quantum of Solace \*\*\* 8.00-10.10pm ITV4

ADVENTURE Daniel Craig's second outing as James Bond picks up events directly after Casino Royale, with 007 looking for answers after the death of his lover. The trail leads to a murky organisation that has infiltrated the world's corridors of power. The plot soon becomes nonsensical, but the action is breathtaking.

JAMIE HEALY (UK/US 2008, may be edited for content, HD)

# All the Money in the World ★★★ 9.00-11.50pm Great Movies

CRIME Ridley Scott's film retells a big news story from the 1970s: the kidnapping of the 16-year-old heir to the Getty fortune. The director's sedentary pacing fails to fully engage, but Christopher Plummer is hugely impressive as miserly tycoon J Paul Getty and there's strong support from Mark Wahlberg as his adviser. Scott's new movie Napoleon is now in cinemas. TERRY STAUNTON (US/UK 2017, violence, swearing)

#### Narrow Margin ★★★ 9.00-10.55pm Legend

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THRILLER Gene Hackman's assistant district attorney faces a nightmare train trip escorting witness Anne Archer to trial in Peter Hyam's efficient remake of the 1950s B-movie. The cat-and-mouse games between Hackman and chief assassin James B Sikking are a delight, and the sequences on the roof of the speeding train are thrilling. JOHN FERGUSON (US 1990, violence, swearing)

#### Platoon \*\*\*\*\*\*

10.10pm-12.40am **ITV4** 

WAR Unlike other directors who made major Vietnam movies, Oliver Stone had actually served as a soldier in the conflict, and his first-hand insight contributed to making this film a modern classic. Willem Dafoe and Tom Berenger play the American infantrymen who are at war with each other and fight for the soul of rookie Charlie Sheen. ADRIAN TURNER (US 1986, violence, swearing, drug abuse, HD)

### **Django Unchained** ★★★★ 11.05pm-2.10am **c5**

WESTERN Quentin
Tarantino's revisionist history
lesson stars Jamie Foxx as
an enslaved man who joins
bounty hunter Christoph Waltz
on a mission to free his wife
from Leonardo DiCaprio's
vile plantation owner. It's
ferociously overindulgent,
but never drags thanks to its
sparkling dialogue and plot
twists. Tarantino's Jackie
Brown is showing tomorrow
on Dave – see p107. ALAN
JONES (US 2012, violence, swearing, HD)

#### **Sky Cinema picks**

### The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers

4.00-7.10pm **Sky Family**Gollum comes a-calling. (2002, 12)
Sky 306: Virgin 406: BT 506/520

In & Out \*\*\* 6.25-8.00pm Sky Cinema Comedy Kevin Kline's teacher causes a media sensation. (1997, 12) Sky 308; Virqin 408; BT 508/522

Halloween H20: 20 Years Later \*\*\* 10.05-11.45pm Sky Cinema Sci-Fi/Horror Killer Michael Myers wreaks havoc at a school. (1998, 18) Sky 311; Virgin 411; BT 511/525

Films to stream from p34 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

# THURSDAY

# Satellite, cable

#### **Sky Showcase**



The Holiday 7.30pm Graham gets to know Amanda

**6.00am** The Early Rundown **7.00** Kay Burley **8.00** Stop, Search, Seize (AD) **9.00** Nothing to Declare 10.00 River Hunters 11.00 Uptown Otters 12 noon Supergirl 1.00pm MacGyver 3.00 Hawaii Five-0 4.00 S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00** The Simpsons

**6.00pm The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 25/25** Series 5. Will suffers an attack of cold feet. **6.30** 1/24 Series 6. Will puts his culinary skills to the test.

7.00 The Simpsons A plague of insects shuts down Springfield.

7.30 The Holiday \*\* Romantic comedy starring Romantic conieury starting Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jude Law and Jack Black. (W)

10.00 Smothered Ep 1. Romcom starring Danielle Vitalis and Jon Pointing. Sammy and Tom decide to have a no-strings affair for three weeks.

10.30 Ep 2. The revelation of Tom having a child proves too big an obstacle for Sammy. See p90.

11.00 Sex and the City 11/18 Series 2. Charlotte dates a chef who lacks masculine qualities. **11.35** *12/18*. Miranda grows adventurous with her boyfriend. 12.10am The Force: North East 1.05 Road Wars: double bill 3.00 Hawaii Five-0 4.00 S.W.A.T. (AD) 5.00-6.00am The Early Rundown **Sky Showcase Sky** 106 **Virgin** 109 **EE** 340/HD 355 **+1 Sky** 206

#### Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 7.00 rimeval **8.00** Home Shoppin 11.00 Blood & Treasure 12 noon Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 2.00pm Blood & Treasure .00 Primeval 4.00 Stargate SG-1 **5.00** Stargate Universe

6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 6/26 Series 3. Quark brings aboard a newborn alien that is etically programmed to kill. 7.00 7/26. A security programme is accidentally activated, leaving the crew trapped on the station.

8.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 8/26 Series 2. Reed and Archer return to an alien planet to retrieve a communicator, only to be arrested by soldiers and accused of spying.

9.00 The Lawnmower Man \*\*\* Sci-fi thriller with Jeff Fahey. Sci-fi thriller with Sci. 12.2,
Government scientist Lawrence discovers that he can enhance the intelligence of chimpanzees using drugs and computer technology. Troubled by the moral implications of his work, Angelo resigns, but

continues his research privately. 11.35 2021: War of the Worlds \* Sci-fi thriller starring Emily Killian, Anthony Jensen and Tom Sizemore. When Martians attack New York City, the US military faces an uphill battle to save the Earth.

1.15am Trickster 2.10 Star Trek: Enterprise 3.05 Stargate Universe 4.00–6.00am Star Trek: Deep Space Nine: double bill

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) Virgin 122 EE 348/HD 363 +1 Virgin 229

#### Sky Atlantic



Billions 5.40pm Will Chuck Rhoades be victorious?

6.00am The Guest Wing (AD) 7.55 True Blood 10.05 Billions (AD) **12.20pm** Game of Thrones (AD) **1.25** Tin Star (AD) **2.25** Tin Star: Liverpool (AD) **3.30** True Blood

5.40pm Billions 12/12 Series 2 Axelrod and Rhoades fight to come out on top as their explosive power struggle continues, (AD) **6.45** 1/12 Series 3. Chuck receives a mandate from a new boss and Axe braves a hard choice following an accusation. (AD)

7.55 Game of Thrones 4/10 Series 2. Tyrion struggles to find a way to curb Joffrey's excesses, and Daenerys arrives at the walled city of Qarth. (AD)

9.00 The Gilded Age 6/8 Series 2. Period drama set in the 1880s, following the fortunes of a young woman in New York City.

10.05 The Undoing 1/6. Grace Fraser's seemingly perfect life is rocked by a violent death and the disappearance of her husband. (AD)

11.05 Billions 2/12 Series 7. Prince encourages the Cappers to aim high under a new directive. (AD) **12.15am 3/12.** Prince tries to profit from a past employee's work and a betrayal hits Wendy hard. 1.25 Trackers (AD) 2.30 Game of Thrones (AD) **3.35** In Treatment 4.05-6.00am The Guest Wing (AD) Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales) EE 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

#### **Sky Witness**

6.00am UK Border Force 7.00 Border Patrol 9.00 Borde Security USA (AD) 10.00 Motorway Patrol 11.00 The Equalizer 12 noon The Rookie (AD) 1.00pm FBI (AD) 2.00 FBI: Most Wanted (AD) **3.00** Caught Red Handed

4.30pm Nothing to Declare Seven editions of the fly-on-the-wall series following the lives of customs and immigration officers at Australia's biggest airports.

8.00 The Equalizer 8/18 Series 3 It's a tense family reunion as Mel and her sister race to save their brother after he's abducted. (AD)

9.00 FBI 17/23 Series 5. When the deputy commander of an air base is kidnapped, the team must work quickly to find the suspect along with stolen ammunition.

10.00 FBI: International 17/22 Series 2. After a ballerina is the victim of an acid attack, the team head to Vienna. Smitty receives troubling intel from a familiar face.

11.00 The Rookie 11/14 Series 3 Professor Ryan's car window is smashed following a series of mysterious notes, so Nolan guards her house overnight. Chen is jealous of how Tim treats his rookie. (AD)

12 midnight 9-1-1 1.00am FBI: Most Wanted **2.00 New.** FBI: Most Wanted **17/22** Series 4. Two students disappear Rptd tomorrow 9pm 3.00 Chicago Med 4.00 The Resident 5.00-6.00am UK Border Force

**Sky Witness Sky** 107 **Virgin** 110 **EE** 341/HD 356 **+1 Sky** 207 **Virgin** 310

#### Sky Max



The Ultimate Adventure **Movies** 8.00pm Indiana Jones

6.00am NCIS: Los Angeles 7.00 Legends of Tomorrow (AD) 8.00 Supergirl 9.00 Stargate SG-1 11.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 12 noon Supergirl 1.00pm MacGyver 3.00 Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow (AD)

6.00pm Stargate SG-1 5/22 Series 6. Carter, Teal'c and Jonas are sent to a seemingly sleepy town to search for a scientist. 7.00 6/22. O'Neill is captured by the Goa'uld and tortured to the brink of death – but help arrives in the form of an old friend.

8.00 The Ultimate Adventure Movies A look at outstanding films from the genre. (AD)

9.00 Rob and Romesh vs NBA **Basketball 2/4** Series 2. Rob Beckett and Romesh Ranganathan learn about the sport, visiting the home of the LA Lakers and the LA Clippers in Los Angeles. (AD)

10.00 A League of Their Own **Ep 7** Series 18. Jimmy Carr and Maisie Adam join Jamie Redknapp, Micah Richards and Jill Scott.

11.00 The Force: North East tip-off leads to a drugs raid. 12 midnight A call-out to a stabbing proves far from what it seems. 1.00am Road Wars: double bill 3.00 Hawaii Five-O 4.00 S.W.A.T. (AD) 5.00-6.00am Highway Patrol **Sky Max Sky** 113 (114 Wales) **Virgin** 111 **EE** 346/HD 361

#### Sky Replay

7.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry 8.00 Four Weddings (AD) 10.00 Stop, Search, Seize 11.00 Send in the Dogs 12 noon Highway Cops (AD) 1.00pm Road Wars 2.00 Most Haunted: double bill **4.00** Manifest: double bill (AD) **6.00pm** MacGyver: double bill. Angus helps an old university friend, then the team intercepts a terror group's message meant for Murdoc (AD) **8.00** Highway Cops: double bill following the work of New Zealand police officers (AD) **9.00** The Force: North East: the hunt is on for a missing schoolboy 10.00 The Russell Howard Hour **11.00** FBI: the deputy commander of an air base is kidnapped 12 midnight FBI: International (AD) 1.00am Stop, Search, Seize 2.00 A League of Their Own Road Trip: South-east Asia (AD) 3.00 Duck Quacks Don't Echo (AD) 4.00 Four Weddings (AD) 5.00-6.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

#### **Sky Crime**

**6.00am** Highway Patrol **7.00** Motorway Patrol **8.00** Highway Cops Motorway Patrol 8.00 Highway Cops (AD) 9.00 Nothing to Declare 10.00 Caught Red Handed 11.30 Border Patrol 12 noon Made for Murder 1.00pm An Unexpected Killer 2.00 Killer in My Village 3.00 World's Most Evil Killers 4.00 Britain's Most Evil Killers 5.00 Killing Mum and Dad (AD) 6.00 Murders That Shocked the Nation (AD) 7.00 Medd's Mest Evil Killers (AD) 7.00 World's Most Evil Killers 8.00 Britain's Most Evil Killers 9.00 New. World's Most Evil Killers 10.00 Killer in My Village 11.00
Forensics: Catching the Killer 1.00am
Killer in My Village 2.00 Killer Siblings
3.00 An Unexpected Killer 4.00
Murder in Amish Country (AD) 5.00-6.00am Motorway Patrol (AD)

**Sky Crime Sky** 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **EE** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321

#### Gold



dinnerladies 8.15pm Will the Christmas plans be ruined?

**7.00am** The Two Ronnies **9.20** 2 Point 4 Children **10.15** Still Open All Hours **10.55** Last of the Summer Wine **12.55pm** The Green Green Grass **1.55** Murder on the Blackpool Express (AD) **4.00** Only Fools and Horses: Christmas special from 1986 (AD) 5.15 Porridge (AD)

6.15pm Ghosts Kitty becomes convinced that Santa has made an early stop at Button House. (AD)

6.55 Only Fools and Horses Christmas special from 1987. Del goes in search of treasure. (AD)

8.15 dinnerladies Bren's romance with Tony is thwarted by the reappearance of her husband. (AD)

9.00 Mrs Brown's Bovs Agnes steps in when Bono is bullied 9.40 Agnes tries to arrange the perfect family Christmas.

10.20 Miranda The last ever episode sees the shopkeeper making a final attempt to accept herself and find contentment. (AD)

11.00 Not Going Out Lee's plan to spend time alone with Lucy at Christmas is royally scuppered.

11.35 The Office 2/2. The party throws up a few surprises, including David Brent's date. (AD) 12.50am dinnerladies (AD) 1.30 Mrs Brown's Boys **2.40** Not Going Out **3.20–4.00am** The Two Ronnies Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

#### Sky Comedy

8.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 9.00 The Conners 10.00 The Fresh 9.00 I ne Conners 10.00 I ne Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 10.30 House of Lies 11.40 Entourage 12.50pm Vice Principals (AD) 2.10 House of Lies 3.20 Entourage 4.30 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 5.00 The Conners 6.00pm The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 7.00 Will S. Crago (AD) 8.00 The Offi 7.00 Will & Grace (AD) 8.00 The Office US **9.00** Intelligence: a Special Agent Special (AD) **10.00** RT **CHOICE** Smothered: double bill. Sammy and Tom decide to have a no-strings affair for three weeks, then the unexpected revelation of Tom having a child proves too big an obstacle for Sammy. **See** page **90 11.00** Sex and the City **12.15am New.** The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon **1.15** Girls (AD) **2.35** Bounty Hunters: double bill (AD) **3.40–5.00am** Vice Principals (AD)

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (115 Wales) Virgin 112 EE 347/HD 362

#### **Comedy Central**

8.00am Most Ridiculous: Talent Shows 8.35 Most Ridiculous: Gvm Disasters 9.00 Takeshi's Castle 10.00 Home Improvement 12 noon Last Man Standing 2.00pm The Middle (AD) 4.30 Friends (AD) 9.00 FILM The Bad Education Movie \*\* Comedy starring Jack Whitehall. Hapless teacher Alfie Wickers takes his students teacher Allie wickers takes his studen on a trip to Cornwall, where things quickly descend into chaos **11.00** Jimmy Carr: Live: the comedian takes to the stage at London's Bloomsbury Theatre **12 midnight** Reno 91! 1.00am Ugly Americans 1.30 South Park 2.30 Beavis and Butt-Head 3.05 New. The Daily Show 3.30 Guessable? 4.15-5.00am The Middle (AD)

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

#### Alibi



So Help Me Todd 10.00pm Todd has to babysit Ava

7.15am Murdoch Mysteries 9.00 Rizzoli & Isles (AD) 10.00 Hudson & Rex (AD) **11.00** Without a Trace 12 noon Shakespeare and Hathaway: Private Investigators (AD) 1.00pm Father Brown (AD) 2.00 Murdoch Mysteries 4.00 Rizzoli & Isles (AD) 5.00 Hudson & Rex (AD)

6.00pm Without a Trace 6/24 Series 5. A family man disappears after being left bankrupt.

7.00 Elementary 16/24 Series 3 Sherlock struggles to prove his innocence when the police accuse him of murdering a woman.

8.00 Father Brown 3/15 Series 3 Father Brown hunts a killer while trying to determine why a parishioner has agreed to marry the sinister wizard Welkin. (AD) **9.00 4/15.** When a murder is committed at the local army barracks, the priest's investigation leads him to another death. (AD)

10.00 So Help Me Todd 15/21 Margaret représents a gifted 17-year-old charged with releasing classified documents.

11.00 Rizzoli & Isles 8/15 Series 3. A bride-to-be is killed just before her wedding. (AD)

12 midnight Elementary 1.00am Hudson & Rex (AD) **2.00** CSI: Vegas (AD) **2.55–4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries

Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114 EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

#### **Discovery**

6.00am Wheeler Dealers 7.00 6.00am Wheeler Dealers 7.00
Countdown to Collision (AD) 8.00 Dive
Wars Australia 9.00 Gold Divers 10.00
Kindig Customs 11.00 Goblin Works
Garage 12 noon Salvage Hunters
1.00pm Building off the Grid 3.00
Alaskan Bush People (AD) 4.00
Blowing Up History 5.00 Wheeler
Dealers (AD) 6.00 Salvage Hunters
7.00 Outback Truckers (AD) 8.00
Railroad Alaska 9.00 New. Survive the
Raft: the latest departure has the
participants questioning everything
(AD) 10.00 New. Naked and Afraid (AD) 10.00 New. Naked and Afraid Brazil: a chance encounter surprises everyone and changes the dynamics of the challenge (AD) 11.15 Expedition Bigfoot 12.15am Moonshiners: Master Distiller (AD) 1.15 How It's Made 1.45 Naked and Afraid Brazil (AD) 3.00-5.00am Wheeler Dealers

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177 EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

#### Discovery History

6.00am Expedition Unknown 7.00 Nasa's Unexplained Files 8.00 Blowing Up History (AD) 9.00 Ultimate Warfare 10.00 Salvage Hunters 11.00 Shed and Buried (AD) 12 noon Combat Dealers 2.00pm Nasa's Unexplained Files 3.00 Salvage Hunters **4.00** Mysteries at the Museum **5.00** Blowing Up History (AD) **6.00** Combat Dealers **7.00** Expedition Unknown **8.00** Ultimate Warfare **9.00** Combat Dealers: Bruce Crompton heads to Ypres to look for First World War items 10.00 Salvage Hunters: Drew Pritchard discovers a deluxe 1940s American bike 11.00 Shed and Buried (AD) 12 midnight (AD) 2.00 Salvage Hunters 3.00 Ultimate Warfare 4.00–5.00am Shed and Buried (AD)

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381



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#### Sky Documentaries



Class Action Park 9.00pm, Chris Gethard's memories

6.00am The Movies 7.00 Discovering: Buster Keaton (AD) 8.00 The Directors 9.00 The Nineties 9.55 The Vow (AD) 11.00 Love Has Won: the Cult of Mother God 12 noon AKA Mr Chow 1.50pm My Icon: Moeen Ali (AD) 2.00 The Janes (AD) 4.00 The Directors 5.00 Discovering: Buster Keaton (AD)

**6.00pm The Nineties** A look at the impact on the decade of the mainstream adoption of the internet, leading to browser wars.

**6.55 The Vow** Sarah, Bonnie and Mark focus on getting women out of DOS and NXIVM. (AD)

**8.00 Urban Secrets** Alan Cumming heads to Dublin, where he shares a pint with Sharon Corr and visits an 18th-century pleasure house and Ireland's oldest library.

**9.00 Class Action Park** A New Jersey water park that became infamous for its poor safety record during the 1980s and 90s. (AD)

10.45 Bowling for Columbine

\*\*\*\*\*\*\* An examination
of America's gun laws in
light of the Columbine high
school shootings of 1999. (W)

1.00am Right to Fight 2.50 Spring Awakening: Those You've Known (AD) 4.30 The Number on Great-Grandpa's Arm 5.00-6.00am Discovering: Buster Keaton (AD)

**Sky Documentaries Sky** 121 (122 Scotland) **Virgin** 188 **EE** 352/HD 367

#### Nat Geographic

8.00am Abandoned 9.00 Air Crash Investigation 10.00 Lost Treasures of Egypt (AD) 11.00 Prain the Oceans (AD) 12 noon Car SOS (AD) 1.00pm Ice Road Rescue 2.00 Air Crash Investigation (AD) 3.00 Nazi Megastructures (AD) 4.00 Draining New York: What Lies Beneath? (AD) 5.00 Car SOS 6.00 Lost Treasures of Egypt: archaeologists hunt for clues to the mysterious rise of mummification (AD) 7.00 Air Crash Investigation: a plane explodes shortly after taking off 88.00 Car SOS (AD) 10.00 To Catch a Smuggler: HSI and CBP uncover nearly \$500K in meth and fentanyl 11.00 Air Crash Investigation: a plane crippled while flying into the heart of Hurricane Hugo 12 midnight Airport Security: Rome 1.00am Banged Up Abroad 2.00 Food Factory USA 2.55–5.00am Food Factory

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

#### **Sky History**

6.00am Swamp People: Serpent Invasion 7.00 Forged in Fire 8.00 American Pickers 9.00 Pawn Stars 10.00 River Hunters 11.00 Strangest Things 12 noon Nature Gone Wild 1.30pm Auction Hunters 2.00 Swamp People: Serpent Invasion 4.00 Celts: The Untold Story 5.00 Pawn Stars 6.00 American Pickers 7.00 Forged in Fire Tournament of Champions 8.00 New. Pawn Stars: a blazer is presented, purportedly worn by Rolling Stone Keith Richards 9.00 New. Mountain Men 10.00 Billy Connolly's Route 66 11.00 Mafia Killers 12 midnight Pawn Stars 1.00am Salvage Kings 2.00 How to Lose a War 3.00 Pawn Stars 4.00 Auction Hunters 4.30–6.00am Nature Gone Wild: three editions Sky History Sky 123 (124 Srotland) Virgin 131

**Sky History Sky** 123 (124 Scotland) **Virgin** 131 **EE** 353/**HD** 368 **+1 Sky** 223 (224 Scot) **Virgin** 331

#### Sky Nature



**Australia's Hidden Islands** 8.00pm Fraser Island's dingos

6.00am Baby Animals 7.00
Monkey Life 8.00 Mysteries of the
Mekong 9.00 Wild Crusades 10.00
Living Beach 11.00 Extreme Africa
12 noon Brazil Untamed 1.00pm
Monkey Life 2.00 Mysteries of the
Mekong 3.00 Wild Crusades 4.00
Living Beach 5.00 Extreme Africa

**6.00pm Brazil Untamed**A profile of the jaguar, the largest cat in all of the Americas.

**7.00 Monkey Life** It is moving day for adult male orangutan Jin. **7.30** Alison is in the Netherlands to collect Pichihua, a lonely female woolly monkey.

**8.00 Australia's Hidden Islands** A look at Fraser Island, which is host to a huge variety of wildlife on its unforgiving terrain.

**9.00 Wild Castles** The Alhambra fortress in Andalusia, Spain, a refuge for wildlife which provides the backdrop for the daily struggles of amphibians. fish and birds.

10.00 Brazil Untamed As 6pm.

**11.00 Extreme Africa** The Southern Dryland's most extraordinary inhabitants.

12 midnight City Wildlife Rescue 1.00am In for the Kill (AD) 2.00 Australia's Hidden Islands 3.00 Wild Castles 4.00 Mysteries of the Mekong 5.00-6.00am Wild Crusades

Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 EE 354/HD 369

#### Eden

9.00am The Architecture the Railways Built (AD) 2.00pm Abandoned Engineering (AD) 4.00 The Architecture the Railways Built: five editions. Tim Dunn heads to Bishopstone in Sussex, a seaside station with a difference 5.00 London's first passenger railway – the London and Greenwich Railway – the London and Greenwich Railway 6.00 The history of the North Staffordshire Railway Company 7.00 How the railways changed the fortunes of Margate and Ramsgate 8.00 The historic Grade I Curzon Street Station (AD) 9.00 Abandoned Engineering (AD) 11.00 The Architecture the Railways Built (AD) 12 midnight Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown 1.00am The Architecture the Railways Built (AD) 3.50 Abandoned Engineering (AD) 5.30 –6.00am David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

#### **Animal Planet**

8.00am Tanked 9.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 10.00 My Cat from Hell 11.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 12 noon Tanked 1.00pm Pit Bulls and Parolees 2.00 Monster Croc Invasion (AD) 3.00 Urban Predator: Lion on the Loose 4.00 My Cat from Hell 5.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 6.00 Tanked 7.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 8.00 Meet the Orangutans 9.00 Meet the Penguins: double bill. Pete refuses to leave the parental home, then the staff battle to save a chick 10.00 Alaska Monsters 11.00 Deadliest Sharks 12 midnight Shark Alley: Legend of Dynamite 1.00am Alaska: Surviving the Last Frontier (AD) 2.00 My Cat from Hell 3.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 4.00—5.00am Tanked

### **SPORT**

#### **Sky Main Event**

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440

**6.00am** Sky Sports News **7.00** Good Morning Sports Fans **8.00 LIVE Big Bash League** 

Cricket Brisbane Heat v Melbourne Stars at Brisbane Tricket Town Co.

10.00 LIVE European Tour Golf The first day of the Alfred Dunhill Championship at Leopard Creek Country Club in South Africa. 3.00pm Sports Desk 5.00 Sky Sports News

**6.00 LIVE World Champions Cup Golf** Day one of the inaugural staging of the men's team event between Team USA, Team Europe and Team International from the Concession Golf Club, Florida.

**10.00 LIVE Pool** Day two of the Mosconi Cup at Alexandra Palace. **11.00** Sky Sports News

12 midnight LIVE NFL Pittsburgh Steelers v New England Patriots at Acrisure Stadium (kick-off 1.15am). 4.30-6.00am Sky Sports News

#### Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442

6.00am Classic Play-Off Finals
9.00 Scottish Premiership Highlights
9.15 EFL Greatest Games 10.00
League One Retro: the 2015 play-offs
12 noon Scottish Premiership Football
2.00pm Championship Highlights
5.00 Scottish Premiership Highlights
5.15 Championship Highlights
6.00 German Football: previews
6.30 Championship Highlights
8.00 Scottish Premiership Round-Up
8.15 Scottish Premiership Highlights
8.30 Championship Highlights
9.00 German Football: previews 9.30
Championship Highlights
9.00 German Football: previews 9.30
Championship Highlights 10.30 Dark
Horses: Italy's World Cup Triumph
11.30 Scottish Premiership Round-Up

#### **Sky Golf**

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444

11.45 Scottish Premiership Highlights
12 midnight-6.00am SPFL Greatest

Games: classic Old Firm derbies (AD)

6.00am PGA Tour Golf 7.00 Golf's Greatest Holes (AD) 7.30 The Life 8.00 European Tour 9.00 PGA Tour 10.00 LIVE European Tour Golf The first day of the Alfred Dunhill Championship from South Africa 3.00pm Golf's Greatest Holes (AD) 3.30 The Life 4.00 European Tour Golf 5.30 Golf's Greatest Holes (AD) 6.00 LIVE World Champions Cup Golf Day one of the men's team competition from Florida. 10.00 European Tour Golf 2.30 Golf's Greatest Holes (AD) 11.00 European Tour Golf 12.30 Golf's Greatest Holes (AD) 1.00 Players Championship Official Film (AD) 2.00 European Tour Golf 2.30 Golf's Greatest Holes (AD) 3.00 European Tour Golf 4.30 Greatest Holes (AD) 5.00 European Tour Golf 5.30 Golf's Greatest Holes (AD) 3.00 European Tour Golf 5.30 Golf 5.00 European Tour Golf 5.30 European Tour Golf 5.30 Golf 5.00 European Tour Golf 5.30 European Tour Golf 5.30 Eu

#### Sky Arena

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447
6.00am Super League (AD) 6.30
Women's Super League 6.45 Super
League 8.00 Pool: Mosconi Cup
12.30pm Unbeatable 1.00 World
Darts 3.45 Boxing 5.30 Darts Show
6.30 LIVE Pool Day two of the
Mosconi Cup at Alexandra Palace.
11.00 Darts Show 12 midnight Boxing
(AD) 2.00am Darts 4.45 Darts Show
5.45-6.00am Super League (AD)

#### **Amazon Prime**

7.00pm LIVE Premier League Football Everton v Newcastle Utd from Goodison Park (kick-off 7.30); 7.45 Tottenham Hotspur v West Ham United from Tottenham Hotspur Stadium (kick-off 8.15).



**Big Bash League Cricket** 7.45am **Sky Cricket** Brisbane Heat captain Usman Khawaja

#### Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441

6.00am Greatest Games 7.00 Legends (AD) 8.00 Best Goals 9.00 100 Club (AD) 10.00 The Football Show 12 noon Soccerbox 1.00pm Premier League Years: the 2001/02 campaign (AD) 3.00 Greatest Games 4.00 Best Goals (AD) 5.00 100 Club (AD) 6.00 Legends (AD) 7.00 Big Interview 7.30 Premier League Stories 8.00 Soccerbox 9.00 Big Interview 9.30 Premier League Stories 10.00 Class of 92 11.00 Big Interview 11.30 Premier League Stories 12 midnight Icons 1.00am Premier League Years (AD) 3.00 Greatest Games 4.00 Best Goals (AD) 5.30–6.00am 100 Club (AD)

#### **Sky Cricket**

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443
6.00am Best of the Big Bash (AD)
6.45 Big Bash League Highlights
7.45 LIVE Big Bash League
Cricket Brisbane Heat v Melbourne
Stars at Brisbane Cricket Ground.
11.45 Best of the Big Bash (AD)
12.45pm Best of the World T2O (AD)
2.00 Big Bash League Highlights
6.00 Best of the Big Bash (AD)
7.00 Big Bash League Highlights
10.00 A League of Their Own
11.00 Best of the Big Bash (AD)
12 midnight Big Bash League Cricket
4.00am Best of the Big Bash (AD)
5.00-6.00am Big Bash Highlights

#### Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446
6.00am NFL Highlights 7.00 Jaguars Weekly UK 7.30 NFL Highlights 10.30 Jaguars Weekly UK 11.00 NFL Bitesize 11.15 Kansas City Chiefs: the Franchise 12 noon Good Morning Football 3.00pm NFL Gameday 3.30 Her Huddle 4.00 NFL Highlights 5.00 NFL Bitesize 5.30 Jaguars Weekly UK 6.00 Pro-Football Talk 8.00 NFL Gameday 8.30 Jaguars Weekly UK 9.00 NFL Bitesize 9.15 Kansas City Chiefs: the Franchise 10.00 NFL Fantasy 11.00 NFL Gameday 11.00 NFL Gameday 11.00 NFL Gameday 12 midnight LIVE NFL Pittsburgh

12 midnight LIVE NFL Pittsburgh Steelers v New England Patriots at Acrisure Stadium (kick-off 1.15am). 4.30am NFL 5.00-6.00am NFL: America's Game (AD)

### Eurosport 1 Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412

6.00am Snooker 8.00 Alpine Skiing 10.00 Cycling 10.30 Snooker 147s 10.45 Snooker: the Shoot-Out 12.45pm LIVE Snooker Day two of the Shoot-Out from Swansea, featuring first-round matches. 5.00 Hall of Fame: Beijing 2008 6.00 Snooker: the Shoot-Out 6.45 LIVE Snooker The evening session on the second day of the Shoot-Out from Swansea Arena. 11.00 Snooker: the Shoot-Out

1.00am Hall of Fame: Rio 2016 2.00 Snooker 4.00-6.00am Cyclo-Cross

### TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430

**6.00am** Premier League Netbusters **6.30** Premier League Stories (AD) **7.00** TNT Sports Goals Reload **7.15** Wrestling (AD) **9.00** TNT Sports Goals Reload **9.15** Motor Racing

11.15 LIVE Abu Dhabi T10
Cricket Chennai Braves v
Bangla Tigers from Abu Dhabi;
1.45pm Team Abu Dhabi v
Delhi Bulls from the UAE;
4.15 New York Strikers v
Morrisville Samp Army.

6.45 TNT Sports Goals Reload
7.00 French Football: previews
7.30 LIVE French Football
Brest v Strasbourg from Stade

Brest v Strasbourg from Stade Francis-Le Ble (kick-off **7.30**). **9.30** NBA Action (AD) **10.00 LIVE Pro League Hockey** 

10.00 LIVE Pro League Hockey Great Britain v Netherlands, coverage of the women's match in Argentina (push-back 10.00).
12 midnight Premier League: the Big Interview: football chat

the Big Interview: football chat 12.30am LIVE Pro League Hockey Great Britain v Netherlands, the men's match in Argentina (push-back 12.30). 2.30 International One-Day Cricket 3.30 Australian Football 4.00 Fishing on the Bank (AD) 5.00 French Football 5.30-6.00am Serie A: Full Impact

#### TNT Sports 2

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431

5.45am LIVE International
T20 Cricket Australia v
Afghanistan, Deaf World Cup;
9.45 Sri Lanka v India, a match
from the Deaf World Cup.
1.45pm International One-Day Cricket
2.45 Pro League Hockey: two games
4.45 Badminton Weekly (AD)
5.00 Wrestling: action from WWE
10.00 LIVE NBA The semi-finals
of the In-Season Tournament.
12.30am NBA Action (AD)
1.00 LIVE NBA The semi-finals
of the In-Season Tournament.
5.30-6.00am NBA Action (AD)

#### TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432
6.00am Serie A: Full Impact (AD)
6.30 Europa League Football
7.00 French Football: five matches
12 noon Squash 1.00pm TNT Sports
Reload 5.30 French Football: preview
6.00 NBA Action: magazine (AD)
6.30 International One-Day Cricket
7.30 Pro League Hockey: two games
9.30 Premiership Rugby Union
1.30am Italian Football 2.00 French
Football 2.30 Badminton 4.30

#### **TNT Sports 4**

Badminton Weekly **4.45–5.45am** International One-Day Cricket

**Sky** 421 **Virgin** 530 **EE** 411/HD 434

6.30am Italian Football: the best action from ten matches in Serie A 4.30pm French Football: highlights 5.30 Serie A: Full Impact (AD) 6.00 Fishing (AD) 7.00 Motor Racing 9.00 EuroCup Basketball 10.00 World Rally 11.00 UFC 5.00-6.00am Squash

#### **Eurosport 2**

**Sky** 414 **Virgin** 522 **BT** HD 413

6.00am Alpine Skiing 8.00 Snooker 10.00 Sailing 10.30 Alpine Skiing 11.25 Freestyle Skiing: World Cup 12.20pm LIVE Freestyle Skiing World Cup, men's and women's ski cross from Val Thorens. France.

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# How Safe Is Your Turkey?

7.30pm C4 Catch up: C4 streaming A quick answer would be "not very", given their short life expectancy this time of year. Happily, a less flippant approach is taken in this Dispatches (capping a very notable year after headline-grabbing investigations behind the frontlines in Russia and Ukraine, and, of course, the Russell Brand scandal). Claire Burnett's film examines food safety concerns at one poultry producer, unnamed as we went to press; with around 9 million turkeys sold in the run-up to Christmas, this is an important issue. And while it may be that buying organically (or eating something else on the big day) might be a better option for some, in a cost-of-living crisis peace of mind over food standards is at a premium. GABRIEL TATE

# The Toy Hospital

8.00pm **Channel 5** Catch up via My5

"Being dismembered is a vital step on the road to recovery," narrator Sue Johnston tells us. Fortunately, she's not referring to human patients who might prefer to keep their limbs attached but to some of the damaged toys that have been brought into the "hospital" for repair.

Rosebud, a much-loved doll from the 1950s, is the first on the operating table. She has massive cracks in her, ahem, nether regions and a badly broken foot. Also needing attention are Jester, who's a 1970s Chad Valley clown doll from Woolworths, and a 1980s BMX Raleigh Burner bike. They're both in a terrible state so restoring them isn't child's play.

It's hard not to smile when you see them looking brand new again. **JR** 

# **DOCUMENTARY Keeping It Up: the Story of Viagra**

9.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer

There are laugh-out-loud moments in this documentary. We learn about the origins of the "little blue potency pill" in British labs, where it was originally intended as an angina drug - until the men taking it for an early trial in Merthyr Tydfil started to look shifty when answering questions. Were there any unexpected side effects..?

There certainly were, and Pfizer execs realised they were onto something when men on the trials refused to give back their unused pills. One man explained that it was the first time in 25 years he and his wife had had a sex life. That's what you might call the uplifting part of the drug's story, but the film explores a seamier side, too. DAVID BUTCHER

### Burt Bacharach Night

from 9.00pm **BBC4** Catch up via iPlayer

What the world needs now is more songwriters like Burt Bacharach. The master musician, who died in February, had an enviable knack for writing lastingly lovely pop. "Never be ashamed of a melody you can remember," as he says in the 2016 chat-and-hits concert A Life in Song at 10pm. BB is at the piano for his 2008 Electric Prom at 9pm (Trains and Boats and Planes works like a dream when sung by a trio) and 2015's Glastonbury set at 12.45am.

Burt's jazz background, meanwhile, is easy to hear in this year's *Tribute* from Ronnie Scott's (11.30pm), with many of his signature songs given fresh new arrangements. If he was the "king of easy", it's only because he made it look easy. MARK BRAXTON

### **ALSO ON TODAY**

**Have I Got News** for You 9pm (12 m't in N Ireland) BBC1 Broadcaster Naga Munchetty (right) is this week's host, with guest panellists Maisie Adam and Richard Osman.

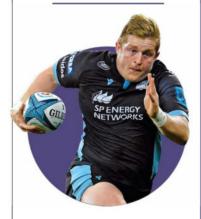


#### Gogglebox 9.00pm **C4** The nation's favourite armchair critics cast their eye over the latest array of delectable televisual treats (or not).

#### The Graham **Norton Show**

10.40pm (11.10pm in N Ireland) BBC1 Ricky Gervais talks about his new stand-up show, and Jamie Oliver also pops in for a chat.

### LIVE SPORT



#### **Rugby Union: Champions Cup** Glasgow Warriors v **Northampton Saints**

Glasgow hooker Johnny Matthews (above) has been making his mark this season.

Connacht Rugby v **Bordeaux Begles** 

#### **Football: Championship** Coventry City v **Birmingham City** 7.30pm (k/o 8pm) **Sky Sports** Main Event/Football

7.00pm (k/o 8pm) **TNT Sports 1** 

### 7.30pm (k/o 8pm) **TNT Sports 2** Action from The Sportsground.

Both teams hope to move up the table in this Midlands showdown.

### FILM OF THE DAY



#### Jackie Brown ★★★★ 恒 9.35pm **Dave**

Pam Grier is unforgettable as the eponymous flight attendant in this gripping crime thriller from Quentin Tarantino. After smuggling dirty money into the US, Jackie gets caught between the cops and her arms-dealer boss (Samuel L Jackson). (1997)

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#### **DOCUMENTARY Hitler's Engineers**

9.00pm **Sky History** Catch up: Now



Albert Speer was the architect Hitler enlisted to design massive structures, such as an

uncompleted 400,000-capacity war games stadium. When Speer was released from Spandau Prison he became a media personality, the self-styled "good" Nazi who was close to power but seemingly unaware of its excesses. This series meets eminent historians who demolish that myth, such as author Dr Karina Urbach who notes that "even on minor issues, he's not telling the truth". Because, contrary to his claims, Speer was an ardent, early Nazi who was very much aware of the Holocaust and eventually convicted at Nuremberg. JOHN AIZLEWOOD

#### **SITCOM Two Doors Down**

9.30pm (11.30pm in Wales) **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

This sitcom has a reputation for close-to-the-bone humour from its sometimes monstrous characters - and if you thought the latest series' shift from BBC2 to BBC1 might have toned that down, this episode certainly affirms the opposite.

When lan's ex-boyfriend pops out of the blue, it's not long before awful neighbours Cathy and Colin grill them for salacious details about the exact nature of their past relationship... and same-sex partnerships in general.

Viewers may end up watching through their fingers, but it's all tongue-in-cheek and wraps up with an unusually wholesome, sweet conclusion. Maybe these Glaswegians are going soft... HUW FULLERTON

#### **COMEDY DRAMA Breeders**

10.15pm Sky Comedy Catch up via Now

There's a flashback to the funeral of Christine - Jackie's friend, whom we last saw in the hospice. As the party leaves the graveside, Jackie returns to say a few words. And those words are not, erm, kind, to put it mildly.

Although Luke is having his own issues juggling life as a new student and as a new dad, it's Paul's elderly parents that your heart breaks for. After struggling with Jim's past indiscretion with her best friend, Jackie reasons with him about what he did and how they'll carry on. This scene is so real it's painful. And when Jackie's health starts to deteriorate, the long-married couple say all they need to one another with just a look.

FRANCES TAYLOR



#### **FOOD**

#### MasterChef: the Professionals 8.00pm BBC1 Catch up via iPlayer



How is it that the professional chefs in this competition seem to be getting younger and yet they're getting better and better at their craft? Nearly half of the people

who took part this year are still in their 20s. We have no idea which three chefs are in the final (like a secret ingredient or recipe, such information is never shared), but one 24-year-old blew judges Marcus Wareing and

Monica Galetti away with his food in the early rounds so surely he's made it this far?

The contestants have had a tough week including working in Copenhagen's scarily innovative Alchemist under yet another young chef, 32-year-old Rasmus Munk. Now they must produce a superb three-course meal before we discover who will follow in the footsteps of last year's winner, Nikita Pathakji. JR

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# FRIDAY Main Channels

#### **DAYTIME**

#### BBC<sub>1</sub>

6.00am Breakfast Naga Munchetty, Charlie Stayt. (S) (HD) 9.15 Morning Live at Christmas Magazine show, hosted by Gethin Jones and Kimberley Walsh. (S) (HD) 10.00 Defenders: Busting the Bad Guys A modern slavery operation is uncovered in Bristol, (R) (S) (HD) 10.45 Claimed and Shamed: Most Shocking The conmen who deliberately caused accidents. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **11.15 Homes under the Hammer** Properties in South Yorkshire, Lancashire and London, (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 12.15pm Bargain Hunt Two teams seek bargains at Wetherby Racecourse. Danny Sebastian hosts. (S) (HD) 1.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

**1.45 Father Brown 7/10** Series 9. A visit to a holiday camp leads to another murder mystery. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 2.30 The Bidding Room Items for sale include puppets from children's TV show Rainbow. (R) (S) (HD)

3.15 Escape to the Country In Derbyshire. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **3.45 Antiques Road Trip** In Derbyshire, Natasha Raskin Sharp scoops up a 17th-century map and Ishy Khan has his eye on an optician's antique stock. (S) (HD)

4.30-5.15 Make It at Market Pointillist artist Will from Birmingham and aspiring jeweller Ange from London seek the help of the experts. (S) (AD) (HD)

6.30am Antiques Road Trip Cutlery and jugs are bought in West Yorkshire. Shown Thursday 3.45pm BBC1 (S) (HD)

7.15 Make It at Market Shown Thu 4.30pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD) 8.00-9.00 Sign Zone Villages by the Sea 5/10 Archaeologist Ben Robinson explores the Pembrokeshire port of Solva. (R) (S) (HD) **8.30** 6/10. A visit to Beer, Devon. (R) (S) (HD) 9.00 Nicky Campbell Calls on the day's talking

points. Simulcast with Radio 5 Live. (S) (HD)

10.00 BBC News (S) (HD)

12.15pm Politics UK The week's highlights. (S) (HD) 1.00 Impossible Celebrities The Pussycat Dolls' Kimberly Wyatt and Happy Mondays frontman Shaun Ryder are among the 18 famous faces, (R) (S) (HD)

1.45 The Boss Quiz hosted by Susan Calman. (R) (S) (HD) 2.30 Christmas in Toyland ★★ Romantic comedy with Vanessa Lengies and Jesse Hutch. A retail analyst tries to save hundreds of jobs before

Christmas. Available on iPlayer until New Year's Eve. Director Bill Corcoran (2022) (S) (W) (HD) 4.00 Beechgrove Repotted An allotment holder

blossoms as a gardener at Culzean Castle. (S) (HD) 4.15-5.15 The Great British Winter Ellie Harrison explores winter on the Shetland Islands. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD) **9.00 Lorraine** Showbiz gossip and guests. (S) (HD) 10.00 This Morning Lifestyle features, fashion and celebrity interviews. Including Regional Weather (S) (HD) 12.30pm Loose Women Frank exchanges. (S) (HD) 1.30 ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal The dealers set up stall at Newark in Nottinghamshire, where Mark Stevens has to phone a friend when faced with a table full of Royal Albert ceramics. Signed repeat 5.05am (S) (AD) (HD)

**3.00–4.00 Lingo** Duos from Birmingham, Burton upon Trent and Hertfordshire battle for the jackpot. Adil Ray hosts. (R) (S) (HD) Followed by Regional Weather

6.05 Countdown With guest Bob Harris. (R) (S) (HD) 6.45 3rd Rock from the Sun Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 8.25 Frasier Triple bill of the sitcom. (R) (S) (AD) 9.55 Find It, Fix It, Flog It Max McMurdo and Henry Cole pay a visit to a motorbike fan. (R) (S) (HD) 10.55 The Great House Giveaway Strangers Nicole and Karl have only six months to renovate a terraced house in the West Midlands. (R) (S) (HD) 11.55 News (S) (HD)

12 noon Steph's Packed Lunch Magazine. (S) (HD) 2.10pm Countdown With guest Bob Harris. (S) (HD) 3.00-5.00 A Place in the Sun Leah Charles-King helps a couple find a holiday home in Lanzarote. 4.00 Danni Menzies helps Poppy and her dad Philip find an inland holiday home in Andalusia. (R) (S) (HD)

#### BBC1

#### Two Doors Down

9.30pm Is lan's old friend Darren taking the hiscuit when he turns up without an invite?



#### 5.15pm Pointless

Quiz in which contestants try to score the fewest points possible by giving the least obvious correct answers to questions. Presented by Alexander Armstrong, with Richard Osman. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

#### **6.30 Regional news magazines** (S) (HD)

#### 7.00 The One Show

Alex Jones presents another mix of nationwide reports, features and live studio-based chat. (S) (HD)

#### 7.30 EastEnders

Kathy goes to see Sonia, who is waiting for an undate from Reiss on Dehbie's condition. The battle lines are drawn between Yolande and Elaine. Writer Daran Little Cast Wednesday/Thursday (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 8.00 MasterChef: the Professionals

After seven weeks of intense competition, the final three chefs battle it out one last time as they face the most important cook-off of their careers. The contestants have three hours to use all the skills and knowledge they've demonstrated throughout the competition to create a starter, a main and a dessert for the judging panel of Marcus Wareing, Monica Galetti and Gregg Wallace. Only three courses stand between these talented chefs and the lifechanging MasterChef: the Professionals crown, but it will take blood, sweat and maybe a few tears to claim the prestigious trophy. See page 101. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 Have I Got News for You

Guest host Naga Munchetty questions bestselling author and broadcaster Richard Osman, comedian Maisie Adam and team captains Ian Hislop and Paul Merton on the week's events making the headlines. Director David Smith: Producer Jack Harris (S) (HD)

#### 9.30 Two Doors Down

3/6 Series 7. lan's Ex. lan's old schoolfriend Darren turns up out of the blue for a catch-up, and when Cathy and Colin are fascinated by the Manchester lifestyle and immediately start digging into their past, Gordon finds himself in a spiral of paranoia. A box set is on iPlayer. See page 101.

Alex Norton lan Arabella Weir Darren Jamie Quinn Mark Prendergast Colin Jonathan Watson Gordon Kieran Hodgson Doon Mackichan Writers Simon Carlyle and Gregor Sharp; Director Ben Gosling Fuller Producer Jacqueline Sinclair (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) 10.40 The Graham Norton Show

Comedy superstar Ricky Gervais is on the sofa to talk to Graham about his latest Netflix stand-up special, Armageddon. Also in for a chat is TV chef and campaigner Jamie Oliver, promoting his new recipe book 5 Ingredients Mediterranean. Director Toby Baker; Series producer Jon Magnusson (S) (HD)

#### 11.30 The Notebook ★★★

Romantic drama starring Ryan Gosling, Rachel McAdams, James Garner and Gena Rowlands. The story of an ill-fated romance helps an old man to bring the love of his life back from the shadowlands of dementia. On iPlayer for 22 days. Review p107.

Noah Calhoun Allie Hamilton Duke Allie Calhoun

Ryan Gosling Fin Rachel McAdams John Hamilton James Garner Anne Hamilton Gena Rowlands James Marsden

Kevin Connolly David Thornton Joan Allen Frank Calhoun Sam Shepard

Director Nick Cassavetes (2003, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

1.25am Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD) 1.30-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

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#### BBC2

Keeping It Up: the Story of Viagra 9.00pm Dr Pete Ellis talks about the creation of the little blue pill



#### 5.15pm Flog It!

Paul Martin visits Ickworth House in Suffolk, where items include a pair of light cavalry swords that prove to be the biggest surprise at the auction. (R) (S) (HD)

#### 6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games

Malorie Blackman, Matt Dawson, Chris McCausland and Ranvir Singh take part in the final round of challenges before Richard Osman announces the day's winner - and the week's victor. (S) (HD)

#### 6.30 Strictly It Takes Two

Fleur East is on hand with more *Strictly* exclusives ahead of the semi-final and is joined by a trio of celebrity super fans in the Friday Panel. (S) (HD)

#### 7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip

Comedians Tez Ilyas and Eshaan Akbar travel around Lancashire in a 1960s Daimler hunting for collectables to take to auction in Midlothian, with help from Charles Hanson and Roo Irvine. Items include a Hornby train set, a colourful batch of apothecary bottles and Russian lacquered pill boxes, (s) (HD)

6 BBC iPLAYER 7.20-9.35 Football The NIFL match between Carrick Rangers and Crusaders (kick-off 7.45)

#### 8.00 Gardeners' World Winter Specials

New series. 1/4. Monty Don has advice on how to pot up one of the stars of the festive season, amaryllis. Carol Klein surrounds herself with colour and scent in Kent as she champions one of winter's most spectacular shrubs, witch hazel. Meanwhile. in South Yorkshire Arit Anderson visits Professor Nigel Dunnett to find out how the man responsible for transforming many public green spaces tends his own garden. See page 100.

Series producer Becky Pratt; Exec producer Gary Broadhurst (S) (HD) RT GARDENING Save money on amaryllis growing kits, including "Red Velvet", and a callicarpa "Profusion" beauty berry: page 143

#### 9.00 Keeping It Up: the Story of Viagra

Twenty-five years ago, Viagra kick-started the second sexual revolution, and caused controversy on a huge scale. During trials by Pfizer in 1992 for a compound believed to alleviate symptoms of angina, a cohort of volunteers in south Wales soon began to experience unexpected penile side-effects. Dr Pete Ellis and Dr David Brown, later recognised as the co-inventors of Viagra, were intrigued and decided to examine the potential of remarketing the drug. Storyville charts the big story of the little blue pill. See page 100. Director Stephen Bennett Producers David McKinlay and Catrin Rowlands (S) (AD) (HD)

**10.30 Newsnight** With Victoria Derbyshire. (S) (HD)

**11.00** Weather (S) (HD)

#### 11.05 Disappeared: Mexico's Missing 43

1/2. In September 2014 a group of students were attacked on their way to a protest in Mexico City, resulting in 43 young men being forced off buses, never to be seen again. Federal investigators guickly landed the blame on corrupt municipal police, but the families of the missing 43 and independent investigators never believed the official version. This World takes a closer look. See choice, page 91. Shown yesterday 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am Secrets of the Aquarium 4/6. Ian does some underwater repairs to a replica of a historic bi-plane that sits on the bottom of the Atlantic tank. Will has to move the lionfish. **See choice, page 71.** Shown Tuesday 8pm (S) (AD) (HD)

1.05-3.05am Sign Zone 1.05 My Teacher the Abuser: **Fighting for Justice** Charting efforts to bring a teacher back to the UK to face allegations of abuse. (R) (S) (HD) 2.05 Saving Lives at Sea 9/10. The North Berwick crew race to save a windsurfer in trouble. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

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#### ITV1

#### I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! 9.00pm

Ant and Dec keep vigil as the jungle games continue



#### 4.00pm Deal or No Deal

Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show where the contestants open boxes that could contain anything from 1p to £100,000, but will they be tempted by a lucrative offer from the Banker?

#### 5.00 The Chase

Bradley Walsh presents as contestants Karen, Anna, David and Tony try to outrun one of the formidable Chasers and scoop the contents of a prize pot worth thousands of pounds. (S) (HD)

#### 6.00 Regional News Weather (S) (HD)

### 6.30 ITV Evening News Weather (S) (HD)

#### 7.30 Emmerdale

Manpreet does her best to support Brenda and Pollard. Victoria realises she is unable to resist the chemistry between her and Jacob, while he wants their relationship to be out in the open. Zoe Henry

Manpreet Sharma Rebecca Sarker Rhona Goskirk Lesley Dunlop Rodney Blackstock
Christopher Chittell Ryan Stocks
Isabel Hodgins Sam Dingle
T Joe-Warren Plant Sarah Sugden Brenda Walker Eric Pollard Victoria Suaden Jacob Gallagher Liam Cavanágh Jonny McPherson Suni Sharma Mackenzie Boyd Lawrence Robb Suzy Merton Lisa Riley Tom King James Unase Mark Charnock Vanessa Woodfield Michelle Hardwick Bradley Johnson Vinny Dingle Bradley Johnson Mandy Dingle Mary Goskirk Louise Jameson Vinny Dingle Matty Barton Moira Dingle Ash Palmisciano Wendy Posner Natalie J Robb Will Taylor Nicky Miligan Lewis Cope Zak Dingle Nicola Wheeler Kerry Wyatt Nicola King Noah Dingle Paddy Dingle

Laura Norton Jack Downham Laurel Thomas Dominic Brunt Leyla Cavanagh Charlotte Bellamy Roxy Shahidi Writer Kirsty Halton This week's episodes produced by Kate Brooks and Laura Shaw, directed by Joshua Reeves and Will Brenton More cast Thursday (S) (AD) (HD)

Patrick Mowe

James Moore

Katie Hill

James Hooton

Susan Cookson Dean Andrews

Steve Halliwell

Brahmdeo Shannon

#### 8.00 Coronation Street

Daniel takes action upon hearing that Ryan intends to stay in Weatherfield. Asha makes a big discovery on Nina's phone. Evelyn spies Terry abandoning his dog in a van. Tyrone berates Cassie for letting Hope skip school. Writer Mark Burt Cast Monday/Wednesday (S) (AD) (HD)

### 9.00 I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of

For the remaining clutch of stoic celebs, there are just a few more days to go. But all dreams of donning the crown must be put on ice while there are more gruesome Bushtucker Trials to endure. Who will be dicing with destiny as they try to win dinner for the campers? And as the evictions continue, who will be saying goodbye to the jungle? Ant and Dec trawl through the biggest fights and feuds of the past 24 hours. Executive producers Iona Mackenzie, Olly Nash, Laura Woolf and Katrina Morrison (S) (HD)

#### **10.30 ITV News**

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

#### 11.20 The NFL Show

Craig Doyle presents highlights of last night's game between Pittsburgh Steelers and New England Patriots and previews the weekend's fixtures. Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell offer analysis and consider the play-off picture as the race for Super Bowl LVIII heats up. (S) (HD)

**12.10am** Home Shopping (HD) **3.00** Deal or No Deal Stephen Mulhern introduces the big-money game show. Shown 4pm (S) (SL) (HD) **3.50 Unwind** A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD) **5.05–6.00am Dickinson's Real Deal** David and the dealers head for Newark. Shown 2pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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### Channel 4

#### Gogglebox

9.00pm Wiltshire couple Giles and Mary share their hot takes on the past week's TV



4 7 in Wales

#### 5.00pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas

The magical Christmas HQ is filled with the sweet smell of festive flavours as Kirstie stages her Christmas hamper competition. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 6.00 Four in a Bed

The contestants meet one last time to discover how much they have been paid. (R) (S) (HD)

#### 6.30 The Simpsons

Bonfire of the Manatees. Marge falls for a handsome marine biologist. (R) (S) (AD)

#### 7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

#### 7.30 How Safe Is Your Turkey?

Nine million turkeys are expected to be sold across Britain during the festive period. In a Dispatches special, food safety concerns at one producer are investigated. See page 100. , Director Claire Burnett

Producers Elliot Trundler and Claire Burnett (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 8.00 Christmas in New York: inside the Plaza

The Plaza Hotel in Manhattan has played host to an array of celebrities, socialites and presidents. In this 2020 film, cameras go behind the scenes to follow the staff, from butlers and chefs to reception and housekeeping, as they endeavour to provide a five-star service to 400 guests some of whom are willing to pay £30,000 a night for the Christmas holiday of a lifetime. Director/Producer Frankie Fathers (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 9.00 Gogglebox

**Ep 14.** The armchair critics share their opinions on what they have been watching during the week. Executive producers Leon Campbell, Mike Cotton and Victoria Ray Repeated 11.05pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 The Last Leg

Ep 5. Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker are joined by guests including Kevin Bridges and Baroness Sayeeda Warsi for a review of the significant moments of the week. Series producer Tom Messer Executive producers Danny Carr and Andrew Beint (S) (HD)

#### 11.05 Jon and Lucy's Odd Couples

5/6. Jon Richardson and Lucy Beaumont invite two more celebrity couples to test the strength of their relationships through a series of activities. TV presenter Ore Oduba and his wife Portia take on comedian couple Harriet Kemsley and Bobby Mair. Can they pack a car without having an argument? And just how well do the couples know each other in the wardrobe department?. Series producer Stevie Miller; Executive producers Lee Hupfield and Sohail Shah (R) (S) (HD)

12.10am Jimmy Carr's I Literally Just Told You Game show hosted by Jimmy Carr. (R) (S) (HD)

**1.05** Another 48 HRS ★★ Comedy thriller. After seven long years, Reggie Hammond is still behind bars and Jack Cates remains a rogue cop. Each has bad debts and old scores to settle. Hammond's release and Cates's suspension coincide, but the two can't catch up on old times, even if they wanted to, because a murderous biker gang is gunning for them and someone wants them dead within 48 hours. Fd O'Ross Reggie Hammond Jack Cates Eddie Murphy Frank Cruise Ed O'Ross Nick Nolte Willy Hickok David Anthony Marshall **Brion James** Cherry Ganz **Kevin Tighe** Kirkland Smith Ren Kehne Andrew Divoff Director Walter Hill (1990, 18) (S) (W) (HD)

2.35 Come Dine with Me In Bournemouth. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **4.45** Château DIY at Christmas Sarah creates large decorations to make a festive statement. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **5.40–6.10am Strangers on a Plane** Tara takes the gang on a night out clubbing in Barcelona. (R) (S) (HD)

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### BBC4

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**Burt Bacharach** Night from 9.00pm A tribute to the acclaimed composer and singer/songwriter



#### 7.00pm Top of the Pops 1995

Dale Winton presents the chart from 13 July, featuring performances and videos from Jinny, MN8, Seal, Cast, Brownstone, Hole, Edwyn Collins, Supergrass and Soul II Soul. Repeated 2.45am (R) (S)

7.30 Gayle Tuesday (Brenda Gilhooly) introduces an edition from 20 July, with Dana Dawson, Paul Weller, Shaggy featuring Rayvon, U2, Diana King, Take That and the Outhere Brothers. Director Claire Winyard; Producer Ric Blaxill Repeated 3.15am (R) (S)

#### 8.00 Top of the Pops 1990

Mark Goodier hosts the show's 1,400th edition, first aired on 6 December, featuring hits by Cliff Richard, Madonna, MC Hammer, Snap!, New Kids on the Block, Vanilla Ice and Betty Boo. Director/Producer Paul Ciani Rptd 2.15am (R) (S)

#### 8.30 Top of the Pops 1982

Simon Bates introduces performances from 9 December, including Shalamar, Soft Cell, Lionel Richie, Yazoo, the Jam. and David Bowie and Bing Crosby. Producer Michael Hurll Repeated 1.45am (R) (S)

#### 9.00 Burt Bacharach at the **Electric Proms**

This 2008 performance at Camden's Roundhouse kicks off an evening of programmes dedicated to the American songwriter, who died earlier this year at the age of 94. Bacharach is accompanied by the BBC Concert Orchestra, plus stars including Adele, Beth Rowley and Jamie Cullum. Edith Bowman hosts. See page 100. Director Janet Fraser Crook Producer Serena Cross (R) (S) (HD)

#### 10.00 Burt Bacharach: a Life in Song

A 2015 concert from the Royal Festival Hall in London, celebrating the music of songwriter Burt Bacharach. Some of his best-known songs are performed by artists including Alfie Boe, Sophie Ellis-Bextor, Shaun Escoffery, Rebecca Ferguson, Justin Hayward, Michael Kiwanuka, Laura Mvula and Joss Stone. Director Richard Valentine; Executive producers Guy Freeman and Anita Land (R) (S) (HD)

#### 11.30 Burt Bacharach: a Tribute from Ronnie Scott's

Clive Myrie presents a tribute from earlier this year to the composer, producer and pianist, widely seen as one of the most important songwriters of the 20th century. The concert at the central London jazz club features arrangements by the venue's artistic director James Pearson of some of Bacharach's best-loved music. Director Sian Parry: Producer Martyn Stevens First shown on BBC2 (S) (HD)

12.45am Burt Bacharach at Glastonbury The singer/songwriter's 2015 performance on Worthy Farm's Pyramid Stage. (R) (S) (HD) **1.45** Top of the Pops 1982 Shown 8.30pm (S) **2.15** Top of the Pops 1990 Shown 8pm (S) 2.45-3.45am Top of the Pops 1995

BBC4 F'view 9/HD 106 F'sat 108 Skv 116 Virgin 108

#### **BBC** SCOTLAND

7.00pm The Seven 7.30 Sportscene: Championship Live: Raith Rovers v Partick Thistle (kick-off 7.45) 10.00 Still Game 10.30 Only an Excuse? 11.30-12 midnight Gary: Tank Commander

12.10-3.00am Night Vision: news 3.50-5.05 Night Vision: news

#### **ITV1 BORDER** SCOTLAND

**6.30pm** ITV Evening News **7.00–7.30** Border Life: how cargo containers are being repurposed as holiday homes

#### **BBC1 WALES**

7.00-7.30pm Wales's winner is announced **9.30–10.00** Kiri's TV Flashback **11.30** Two Doors Down
12 midnight FILM: The Notebook **2.00–6.00am BBC News** 

#### **BBC2 WALES**

6.00-6.30pm Richard Osman's House of Games 7.30-8.00 Nigella's Cook, Eat, Repeat **11.05** Live at the Apollo 11.50-12.05am The Best Dishes Ever

#### **ITV1 WALES**

6.30pm ITV Evening News; Weather 7.00–7.30 Coast and Country: Sean Fletcher and Ruth Dodsworth take a canoe trip along the River Cleddau

#### BBC<sub>1</sub> **NORTHERN IRELAND**

7.30-8.00pm Paula McIntyre's Hamely Kitchen **9.00–9.30** EastEnders **10.40** The Blame Game 11.10 The Graham Norton Show
12 midnight Have
I Got News for You
12.30–1.30am Survivor: presented by Joel Dommett

#### BBC2 **NORTHERN IRELAND**

6.00-6.30pm Richard Osman's House of Games 7.00-8.00pm Celebrity Antiques Road Trip: David Blunkett and Lesley Garrett compete

#### **UTV**

6.30pm ITV Evening News; Weather 7.00-7.30 UTV Life: music and chat with Pamela Ballantine

Channel 5 listings are overleaf

# FRIDAY Freeview

#### Channel 5





The Toy Hospital 8.00pm Doll expert Dr Charlotte takes on a major project

5.45am Milkshake! See page 106 9.15 Jeremy Vine (S) (HD) 11.15 Storm Huntley (S) (HD) 12.30pm Alexis Conran (S) (HD)

**1.25** 5 News (S) (HD)

1.30 Christmas at the Plaza ★★

Romantic drama. Romance blossoms for a historian as she creates a festive display at a hotel. English, French +subtitles Director Ron Oliver (2019) (S) (W) (HD)

3.15 A Prince and Pauper Christmas \*\* Comedy mystery. An FBI agent is Comedy mystery. An FBI agent is forced to recruit a doppelganger when her informant goes missing. Director Peter Sullivan (2022) (S) (W) (HD)

5.00pm 5 News (S) (HD)

6.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly

**5/6** Series 1. A terrier won't let anyone new into its owner's life. (R) (S) (HD) 6.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

7.00 Shop Smart, Save Money

The team offers advice on items such as water filters and hiking boots to Ellie and Zoe and their son Hudson. Directors Matthew Wenham, Rachael Martin (S) (HD)

**7.55 5 News Update** (S) (HD)

8.00 The Toy Hospital

**Ep 3.** Dr Lincoln sets to work restoring a once-vibrant BMX bike, Dr Jackie gets to grips with a frayed but much-loved 1970s Chad Valley clown, and Dr Charlotte repairs a 1950s doll with a badly broken foot. **See page 100.** Directors/Producers Steph Brunzel-Roberts, Steve Coward and Dan Cross (S) (HD)

9.00 The Madame Blanc Mysteries

In this Christmas special, Jean is looking forward to spending the holiday season with her new friends, but the festivities are short-lived when the chief of police André Caron's wife is murdered.

Dom Havfield Judith Lloyd-James Jeremy Lloyd-James

Steve Edge Sue Holderness Robin Askwith Gloria Beauchamp Sue Vincent

Sally Lindsay

Writers Sally Lindsay and Sue Vincent; Producer Myf Hopkins: Director Dermot Boyd (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 A Christmas Cruise with Jane McDonald

The singer recalls festive cruises taking in Germany, France and the coast of Norway. Series director Jon Cowen (R) (S) (HD)

11.05 Enemy of the State ★★★★

Conspiracy thriller with Will Smith, Jon Voight and Gene Hackman. Lawyer Robert Clayton Dean is out shopping when he unwittingly receives some politically sensitive information. Forced to go on the run, he must try to stay one step ahead of a sinister adversary who has an arsenal of hi-tech surveillance gadgetry at his disposal. Review page 107. Director Tony Scott (1998, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

**1.35am** Casino (S) (HD) **3.35** Bad Girls behind Bars (R) (S) (HD) **4.20** Friends: double bill (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **5.10** Wildlife SOS (R) (S) (SL) 5.35-5.40am Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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**BBC4** listings are overleaf

BBC3



Big Zuu's Christmas Eats 7.00pm Zuu enjoys a selection of festive food

7.00pm Big Zuu's Christmas Eats 1/2. Zuu brings together friends from the music world to celebrate Christmas. Both episodes are on iPlayer, (S) (AD) (HD) Followed by New. The Catch Up (S) (HD)

#### 7.45 Top Gear

Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May immerse themselves in the world of classic cars. They then enter the domain of the sports utility vehicle as they find out what sort of SUV can be bought for a few hundred pounds. (S) (HD)

9.00 New. Canada's Drag Race 4/9 Series 4. The queens battle it out in this week's design challenge using only Brad Goreski's hand-me-downs. A box set of previous series is on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

#### 10.00 Booksmart \*\*\*

Coming-of-age comedy starring Beanie Feldstein and Kaitlyn Dever. On the eve of their high-school graduation, best friends Molly and Amy decide to go to a wild end-of-year party. Available on iPlayer for 25 days. Review page 107. Director Olivia Wilde (2019, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Shown Sunday BBC1

#### 11.35 Some Girls

3/6 Series 2. Amber's dog discovers what really happens at school.(S) (AD) (HD) 12.05am 4/6. Rocky's friendship with Viva's father causes problems with Tyler. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.35 Ellie and Natasia (S) (HD) 12.50 Charlotte in Sunderland (S) (HD) **1.50**The Rap Game UK (S) (HD) **2.50–3.50am** Some Girls: double bill (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 Sky 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) Virgin 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

#### ITV2



**6.00am** CITV (S) (HD) **9.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **10.00** Secret Crush (S) (HD) **11.00** Dress to Impress (S) (HD) 12 noon I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! (HD) 1.30pm In for a Penny (S) (AD) (HD) 2.00 Supermarket Sweep (S) (HD) 3.00 Secret Crush (S) (HD) 4.00 Dress to Impress (S) (HD) **5.00** I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! Shown yesterday 9pm ITV1 (S) (HD) 6.30pm In for a Penny Stephen Mulhern

heads to Derby setting members of the public unusual challenges. (S) (AD) (HD) **7.00 Family Fortunes** Gino D'Acampo hosts as the Shares of Worcester go up against the Alveranga family of Luton. (S) (HD) **8.00 Bob's Burgers** Series 8. Linda and the children search for an elusive wolf that has been terrorising the town. (S) (AD) (HD) **8.30** Tina faces internal problems with her business arch enemy Tammy. (S) (AD) (HD) 9.00 FILM Horrible Bosses ★★ Black comedy starring Jason Bateman. Three downtrodden, demoralised workers decide enough is enough and hatch a plan to kill each other's bosses. They seek advice from an ex-con, but devising the perfect crime proves trickier than expected. (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **11.05 Family Guy** Series 18. Lois gets a job at Chris and Meg's school, but soon becomes the victim of a student's pranks. (S) (AD) (HD) 11.35 Meg takes Stewie to see Santa, only for the youngster to be traumatised. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am American Dad! (S) (AD) (HD) 1.05 12.05am American Date: (S) (AD) (HD) 1.05 CelebAbility: with Aljaz Skorjanec, Janette Manrara, Matt Richardson and Jayde Adams (S) (HD) 1.50 Unwind (S) (HD) 3.00 Home Shopping (HD) 5.00 Unwind (S) (HD) 5.10-6.00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115 +1 Freeview 29 Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315

ITV3



Midsomer Murders 3.50pm Amelia (Annette Crosbie) deals with a tragedy

**6.00am** Classic Emmerdale (S) **7.05** Classic Coronation Street (S) (AD) **8.10** Never the Twain: Simon and Oliver become grandfathers; 8.40 David and Lynn start looking for a home (S) **9.15** Wild at Heart: **1/11** Series 7 A confrontation with Peeters pushes Danny to breaking point Rptd 12.05am; **10.20 2/11** Du Plessis is haunted by his belief that Danny murdered their old enemy Christian Peeters Rptd 1.10am (S) (AD) (HD) **11.25** Maigret: **4/6** eries 1. Maigret and the Mad Woman. A woman claims her belongings are being moved (S) (AD) 12.35pm Heartbeat: 5/15. Newcomers are

treated with hostility (S) (AD) **1.40** Classic Emmerdale: double bill. Sam returns to the village, then Debbie refuses to tell Cain who she has been sleeping with (S) **2.40** Classic Coronation Street: double bill, Tyrone and Kirk vie for Fiz's affections, then Fred's sudden announcement surprises Ashley and Claire (S) (AD) **3.50** Midsomer Murders: Series 8. Sauce for the Goose. The naked body of a business executive is found (S) (AD)

#### 5.50pm Downton Abbey

**5/7** Series 1. As the village prepares for the annual flower show. Isobel finds herself in conflict with Violet. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 6.55 Heartbeat

6/15 Series 5. Buried resentments rise to the surface when a German arrives in Aidensfield, and an elderly couple have a wedding anniversary to remember. (S) (AD)

#### 8.00 Endeavour

2/4 Series 4. Canticle. Morse must protect a morality activist who campaigns against the permissive society of the time after receives a death threat. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 Grantchester

1/8 Series 6. It's 1958 and the vicarage family and the Keatings are on a summer break at Merries Holiday Camp. (S) (AD) (HD) 11.05 2/8. When a baptism is disrupted by a man who claims to be the baby's rightful father, Will and Geordie are drawn into a complicated family dispute. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am Wild at Heart Shown 9.15am/10.20am (S) (AD) (HD) **2.10-2.30am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117 +1 F'view 59 (9pm-4am) F'sat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

**6.00am** The Derby through the Years (S) (HD) **6.15** Minder (S) (SL) (AD) **7.15** The Sweeney (S) (SL) **8.20** The Champions (S) **9.25** Robin of Sherwood (S) **10.35** Magnum, Pl (S) (HD) **11.35** BattleBots (S) (HD)

12.35pm The Champions (S) 1.40 Robin of nerwood (S) **2.50** Magnum, PI (S) (HD) **3.50** The Sweeney (S) **4.55** Minder (S) (AD) 6.00pm BattleBots The second half of the tournament kicks off with the most elite bots facing off for the coveted trophy. (S) (HD)

7.00 The Grand Fishing Adventure Ali

and Bobby fish in southern France for giant sturgeon carp in an underwater special. (S) (HD) **8.00 The Chase Celebrity Special** With Mark King, Ferne McCann, Dan Walker and Ruth Davidson. Bradley Walsh hosts. (S) (HD) 9.00 The 1% Club Quiz hosted by Lee Mack in which the questions are all about logic and common sense, with 100 contestants having a nance of winning up to £100,000. (S) (AD) (HD)

**10.00 New. All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite** Hard-hitting wrestling action. (S) (HD) 12.10am River Monsters: double bill (S) (HD) 1.10 Extreme Salvage Squad (S) (HD) 2.05 Minder (S) (SL) (AD) 2.55-3.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

**Drama** 

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Father Brown 8.00pm The priest meets Dennis Nelson (Martin Kemp)

7.10am All Creatures Great and Small Rptd 4.15pm (S) **8.00** Doctors: double bill. Jude and Pete's celebrations turn sour, then Kate and Mac try to save their marriage **9.20** Classic Holby City: Colette comes under increasing scrutiny from HR about the way she got her job Repeated 2.55am (S) (HD) **10.40** Casualty: Ash returns to work **11.50** The Bill: Meadows investigates Ted Roach's death

12.50pm Classic EastEnders: double bill. Zoe's quest leaves her way out of her depth, then Dennis makes a tough decision about his future 2.05 Pie in the Sky: 2/8 Series 5. Crabbe's team protects a jury (s) 3.05 Bergerac: 7/9 Series 7. A visiting athlete provokes confusion 4.15 All Creatures Great and Small: **2/12** Series 6. The Course of True Love. Siegfried decides to help Calum with his personal life Shown 7:10am **5.25** The Upper Hand: **3/14** Series 6. Caroline's grandmother tries to prevent her marriage

#### 6.00pm 'Allo 'Allo!

4/6 Series 9. Tarts and Flickers. The Fishmongers' Parade proves a hindrance. (S)

6.40 Last of the Summer Wine Series 23. Exercising Father's Bicycle Tom rides Compo's old bicycle. (S) 7.20 Sadly, Madly, Bradley. Clegg and Truly try to cheer up Billy's brother-in-law. (S)

#### 8.00 Father Brown

4/15 Series 5. The Chedworth Cyclone Suspicious circumstances surround the death of a local fighter (S) (AD) (HD) 9.00 5/15. The Hand of Lucia. A local writer is murdered, leaving Father Brown delving into her novel for clues. (S) (AD) (HD)

#### 10.00 New Tricks

**2/8** Series 3. **Dockers.** Brian's erratic behaviour hinders an investigation. (S) (AD)

#### 11.20 Dalziel & Pascoe

5/5 Series 11. Under Dark Stars. The trial of a child murderer collapses. (S) (AD)

1.35am Gentleman Jack: 8/8 Series 1. Some difficult news from home forces Anne to make a decision (S) (AD) (HD) **2.55-4.00am** Classic Holby City Shown 9.20am (SL)

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7.00am Buying and Selling (S) (HD) 8.00 Making It Home with Kortney & Dave (S) (HD)

9.00 LittleBe: children's programmes (HD)

12 noon Sugar Showdown (S) (HD) 12.25pm The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills (S) (HD) **1.20** The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD) **2.05** The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD) **3.05** Million Dollar Listing: NYC (S) (HD) **4.05** New. The Real Housewives of Dubai: double bill (S) (HD)

6.00pm The Big Bake: Holiday Brad Smith challenges the teams to create cakes that feature the season's cutest creatures. (S) (HD) 7.00 The teams create cakes capturing chaikovsky's iconic Nutcracker Suite. (S) (HD) 8.00 FILM Stepmom ★★★★ Drama starring Julia Roberts and Susan Sarandon

as the lover and ex-wife of a successful lawyer who compete for the affections of his offspring. But when tragedy strikes, the adults realise that they must put their differences aside for the children. **Review page 107.** (S) (W) (HD) **10.30 New. Love Island: Australia** Sophie Monk hosts the Australian reality show. (S) (HD) **11.45 The Cabins** One couple finds a connection among all their differences. (S) (HD)

12.45-1.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319

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#### More4





Astrid: Murder in Paris 9.00pm Astrid heads to a haunted house

**8.55am** Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.15** A Place in the Sun **10.05** A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now? 11.05 Find It, Fix It, Flog It **1.10pm** Car SOS (AD) **2.10** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It (AD) **3.10** Four in a Bed 5.50 The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes (AD) **6.55pm Escape to the Château** It's three years since Dick and Angel Strawbridge swapped their Southend flat for a dilapidated 19th-century château in the Loire, and their events business is continuing to grow. (AD) **7.55 Grand Designs** Kevin McCloud meets
Geoff, who has decided to build a cantilevered
steel-framed house right on a flood plain. After retiring from the advertising industry, Geoff is selling his villa in Spain to fund the £700,000 project on the Essex coast. (AD) 9.00 Astrid: Murder in Paris 3/9. Astrid realises a much older case could offer an important insight into the mysterious death of Ludovic Karlishian. French +subtitles. **10.05 24 Hours in A&E** The doctors at St George's treat mother-of-six Lillian for sepsis, and discover that she's in the latter stages of pancreatic cancer. Dennis, 78, is having trouble breathing after he broke his ribs. (AD) **11.10** Sergio, 44, is admitted to hospital with life-threatening chest injuries after a cycling accident. Another cyclist, Alan, 71, arrives in resus after a collision with a van. (AD)

12.15am 999: on the Front Line: a 15-year-old girl
suffers a seizure while at school 1.15 24 Hours in
A&E (AD) 3.25-3.55am A Place in the Sun More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

**6.00am** Hollyoaks Shown Tuesday/Wednesday 7pm (AD) **7.00** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **8.00** Baby Daddy **9.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD) 11.00 The Goldbergs: double bill (AD) **12 noon** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **2.00pm** The Goldbergs (AD) **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine: double bill (AD) **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD) 6.00pm The Big Bang Theory 17/24 Series 6. Lucy runs away during a date. (AD) **6.30** 18/24. The guys have to promote

science as a career for women. (AD) 7.00 Hollvoaks A familiar face appears when Mercedes seeks guidance. (AD)
7.30 Young Sheldon 6/22 Series 5. Missy asks uncomfortable questions at church. (AD) **8.00 Modern Family 9/24** Series 1 Luke's birthday party ends up going badly. **8.30** *10/24*. Claire and Phil threaten to cancel the family's festive celebrations. **9.00 FILM Bad Teacher** ★★ Comedy starring Cameron Diaz. Shown Sunday 9pm (AD) 10.50 Naked Attraction A 20-year-old virgin seeks a fairy-tale princess. (AD) 11.55 A former club rep chooses a date. (AD)
1.00am Married at First Sight Australia 2.25
Below Deck Sailing Yacht (AD) 3.15 First Dates:
Valentine's Special (SL) (AD) 4.10 How I Met Your
Mother (AD) 5.00-6.00am The Neighborhood

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**6.00am** Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Shopping **8.00** Salvage Hunters **10.00** The Yorkshire Auction House 11.00 Antiques Road Trip 12 noon Money for Nothing 1.00pm A Place in the Sun 2.00 My 600lb Life 4.00 Animal Cops Miami (AD) 5.00 Helicopter ER 6.00 The Yorkshire Auction House 7.00 Antiques Road Trip 9.00 New. Paranormal: Caught on Camera 10.00 New. Eli Roth Presents: a Ghost Ruined My Life 1000 News Eli Roth Presents: a Ghost Ruined My Life 1000 News Eli Roth Presents: a Chost Ruined My Life 1000 News Eli Roth Presents Ruined My Life 1000 News Eli Roth Presents Ruined News 11.00 Ghost Adventures: Bewitched and Bothered
12 midnight Portals to Hell 1.00am Ghost Adventures **2.00** Shopping **4.00** as 4pm **5.00–6.00am** as 8am Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

#### **Sky Arts**



**Jethro Tull: Live at Montreux 2003** 8.00pm The folk-rock band in concert

**6.00am** Gilbert and Sullivan: a Motley Pair **6.30** Darbar Festival **8.00** The Joy of Painting **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering: Hugh Grant: the life and career of the actor **12 noon** The Joy of Painting **1.00pm** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **2.00** Classic Literature and Cinema **3.00** Harold Lloyd: Hollywood's Timeless Comedy Genius **4.00** Discovering: Leonardo DiCaprio 5.00 The Joy of Painting **6.00pm Tales of the Unexpected** A robbery leads a man to make a shattering discovery. 6.30 Two women strike up a friendship, but

appears to have questionable motives. (AD) 7.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents A man neglects his wife's desire for companionship **7.30** A detective tries to find evidence that a woman is cheating on her separated husband

Starring Kay Walsh and Eric Barker.

8.00 New. Jethro Tull: Live at Montreux 2003 The folk-rock band performs at the jazz festival, featuring songs including Some Day the Sun Won't Shine for You and Aqualung. 9.15 Carole King and James Taylor: Live at the Troubadour A reunion concert from 2007 at the West Hollywood venue

10.55 Queen and Adam Lambert: the Show Must Go On The story of the rock band's career after Freddie Mercury's death. 12.40am Queen: the Phenomenon (AD) 2.00 John Legend at Riverside Church 3.15 Music Videos That Defined the 90s 4.10 Cheltenham Literature Festival 5.05–6.00am The South Bank Show

**Sky Arts Freeview** 36 **Freesat** 147 **Sky** 130 (131 Scotland) **Virgin** 140/**HD** 123 **EE** 350/**HD** 365

#### 4seven

**9.00am** Come Dine with Me: in Edinburgh **11.30** Kirstie's Handmade Christmas (AD) 1.30pm A Place in the Sun 2.30 Come Dine with Me 5.00 The Great House Giveaway 6.00pm A Place in the Sun Kerry and Stewart from Newcastle are seeking a little oasis on the Canary island of Lanzarote. **7.00** Danni Menzies helps Poppy and her dad Philip find a holiday home in Andalucía. 8.00 Christmas Secrets of Supermarket **Own Brands** Sales of supermarket own brands are higher than ever, but are they special enough to cut the mustard at Christmas? Shown Monday 8nm C4 (AD) **9.00 24 Hours in A&E** *Ep 4*. A 20-year-old is rushed in after coming off her motorbike. Shown yesterday 9pm Channel 4 (AD) 10.00 The Great Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer Noel Fielding and Matt Lucas welcome comedian Ruby Wax, singing coach Gareth Malone, presenter Laura Whitmore and social media star Yung Filly to tent. Shown Tuesday 8pm Channel 4 (AD) **11.05 Gogglebox** The armchair critics share their opinions on what they have been watching during the week. Shown 9pm C4 (AD) 12.05am Gogglebox (AD) 3.45-4.45am Christmas in New York: inside the Plaza (AD)

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**6.00am** How Do They Do It? **6.30** *New series*. Shed and Buried: Best Bits **7.00** The Repair Shop **8.00** American Pickers (AD) **10.00** Chasing 8.00 American Pickers (AU) 10.00 Chasing Classic Cars 11.00 Extreme Car Hoarders 12 noon How Do They Do It? 1.00pm Money for Nothing 2.00 The Repair Shop 3.00 Find It, Fix It, Drive It 4.00 Salvage Hunters 5.00 Salvage Hunters: the Restorers 6.00 Wheeler Dealers (AD) 7.00 Aussie Gold Hunters 8.00 Salvage Hunters 9.00 Minute by Minute: Emergency 10.00 New. Border Control Sweden 11.00 How Do They Do It? a sword factory. Sweden 11.00 How Do They Do It?: a sword factory 12 midnight Wheeler Dealers (AD) 1.00am Cornwall Air 999 2.00 Chasing Classic Cars 3.00 Extreme Car Hoarders 4.00–5.00am How It's Made

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#### Yesterday





Secrets of the London Underground 8.00pm A look at the Elizabeth Line

**6.10am** Hornby: a Model World (AD) **8.00** Abandoned Engineering (AD) **10.00** The World at War 11.00 Nazi Hunters

12 noon Great Continental Railway Journeys **1.00pm** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers and Cash **4.00** Nazi Hunters **5.00** The World at War: morale within the Third Reich

6.00pm Great Continental Railway **Journeys** Michael Portillo travels from La Coruña to Lisbon, stopping off in Porto. **7.00 Antiques Roadshow** At Lyme Park in Cheshire, Fiona Bruce and expert Will Farmer unwrap presents from Christmas past as they explore the changing taste in toys.

8.00 Secrets of the London Underground
Tim Dunn and Siddy Holloway explore two
stations along the Elizabeth Line. (AD)
9.00 Bangers and Cash Derek collects a Jaguar Mark 2, and a customer considers buying a Morris Marina as a Christmas gift. **10.00** The team is under pressure with a record number of cars to auction, but Derek finds room for one more – a replica AC Cobra.

11.00 Abandoned Engineering Exploring the ruins of an ancient city in Iraq. (AD) **12 midnight** Great British Railway Journeys

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1.00-3.00am Hornby: a Model World (AD)

#### Dave



7.10am Exploration Volcano (AD) 8.00 Cops on the Rock (AD) **9.00** Cop Car Workshop **10.00** Train Truckers **11.00** The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure (AD) **12 noon** Storage Hunters UK **2.00pm** Top Gear: double bill **4.00** Cop Car Workshop **5.00** The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure (AD)

6.00pm Rick Stein's Cornwall Exploring the Land's End peninsula with artist Kurt Jackson. **6.30** The chef makes a tortilla dish.

7.00 Richard Osman's House of Games Jessie Cave, Ayesha Hazarika, Simon Hickson and AJ Pritchard take part in the quiz. **7.40** With guests Johnny Ball, Suzi Ruffell, Nina Wadia and Danny Wallace. **8.20 QI** Questions on things that are green.

9.00 Guests include Bill Bailey and Sean Lock.
9.35 FILM Jackie Brown \*\*\*\* Crime thriller with Pam Grier and Samuel L Jackson. Flight attendant Jackie Brown is arrested for smuggling drugs for arms dealer Ordell Robbie. Realising that Ordell is likely to kill her, Jackie decides to play him and the cops off against each other. Film of the Day: page 107. (W)
12.50am Mock the Week 1.30 Would I Lie to You? 2.05 Meet the Richardsons: double bill

3.20-4.00am We Are Not Alone (AD) Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

#### **Sky Mix**

7.00am Border Security: America's Front Line 8.00 Nothing to Declare (AD) 9.00 Motorway Patrol **10.00** UK Border Force (AD) **11.00** Highway Patrol **12 noon** Motorway Patrol **1.00pm** Border Patrol **2.00** Border ecurity: America's Front Line: double bill **3.00** Nothing to Declare: double bill (AD) 4.00 Stargate Atlantis 5.00 Stargate SG-1 **6.00pm** Star Trek: Enterprise **7.00** Star Trek: Voyager **8.00** New. NCIS: Los Angeles: An employee of the navy's missile defence programme is murdered First shown on Sky Max **9.00 New.** True Detective First shown on Sky Atlantic (AD) **10.10** Mark of a Serial Killer **11.05** World's Most Evil Killers (AD) 12 midnight Britain's Most Evil Killers 1.00am The Force: Manchester 2.00 Road Wars 3.00 Highway Patrol **4.00** Motorway Patrol (AD) **5.00–6.00am** Highway Cops: double bill Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

#### 5 USA



9.00am NCIS (AD) 11.55 Entertainment News 12 noon Law & Order 3.55pm Entertainment News 4.00 Law & Order 6.00pm NCIS Series 14. Four episodes. A bomb plot is uncovered following a death at a Quantico reunion 7.00 A US marine falls to her death, and Gibbs is urged to consider whether she was murdered 8.00 A navy lieutenant is murdered during a civilian cruise 9.00 The murder of a petty officer is linked to the disappearance of an MI6 agent (AD) **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Series 10. Three back-to-back episodes 12.55am Blacklist 3.35-4.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera: a gang raids a jewellery shop 5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) +1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

#### 5 Star



8.00am Entertainment News 8.05 Bargain Loving Brits by the Sea **10.05** GPs: behind Closed Doors (AD) **12.05pm** Traffic Cops **2.05** Police Interceptors: triple bill (AD)

5.10pm FILM Christmas Unwrapped ★★ Romantic drama starring Marco Grazzini
7.00 GPs: behind Closed Doors Helping a
patient with a condition called syringomyelia and a baby boy with pain in his leg. (AD) 8.00 Car Pound Cops A learner motorcyclist

8.00 Car Pound Cops A learner motorcyclist proceeds to perform a dangerous manoeuvre in front of police officers in Surrey.

9.00 FILM The Hangover: Part II ★★★
Comedy starring Bradley Cooper. The Wolf Pack head to Thailand for a stag party – but, as always, things don't go to plan. Review p47.

11.10 FILM American Pie: the Wedding ★★★ Comedy starring Jason Biggs. After pursuing each other through two movies, lim and Michelle finally decide to tie the Jim and Michelle finally decide to tie the knot, but their friends' plans for a bachelor party almost derail the forthcoming nuptials. 1.15am Trauma Room One: Sofia needs surgery for a Chiari malformation 2.10-3.00am Revenge

**5 Star Freeview** 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 (129 Scotland) **Virgin** 126 **+1 Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 (229 Scot) **Virgin** 326

#### 5 Action

9.00am Winter Road Rescue 10.00 otorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders 11.00 Police Interceptors

12 noon FILM Sitting Bull  $\star$  2.15pm FILM Sierra  $\star\star$  4.00 Winter Road Rescue 5.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders

6.00pm Police Interceptors Two officers deal with a suspected gunman.
7.00 Dougle and Mark follow a serial offender

who tries to give them the runaround.

8.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's

Speeders PCs Matt Turner and Rich Woodward are on the tail of an uninsured vehicle, and Inspector Anton Sullivan responds to a collision between a car and an HGV on the M6. 9.00 Police: Suspect No 1 Cameras follow

the police investigation that was launched after three hooded men subjected a family to a violent ordeal in their home late at night. 10.00 Police: Elite Raid Squad Shipping containers on an industrial estate are raided. 11.00 Neighbours at War: Caught on Camera Stories of disorder at football matches 12 midnight Ultimate Police Interceptors

1.00-3.00am Sleepv Hollow: double bill 5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

#### 5 Select



**9.00am** Cash in the Attic (AD) **11.00** The Yorkshire Vet **12 noon FILM** A Gift Shop Christmas ★★ English, Spanish +subtitles
1.50pm Entertainment News 2.00 The Yorkshire Vet **4.00** The Highland Vet **5.00** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild 5.00 ben rogie: New Lives in the Wild 6.00pm Walking Victorian Britain The cotton industry in 19th-century Lancashire. 7.00 Egypt's Great Mummies: Unwrapped with Bettany Hughes The secrets hidden 9.00 The Nile with Bettany Hughes A journey through the history of Ancient Egypt.

11.00 The historian visits the west bank of the Nile opposite Luxor where, for 500 years, the ancient Egyptians buried their pharaohs. **1.00am** Forged in Fire: two smiths are tasked with re-creating a Dahomey machete **2.00** The Blacklist **2.55–3.00am** Entertainment News 5 Select F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf

BBC News Freeview 231 Freesat 212 Sky 503 Virgin 601 Sky News Freeview 233 Freesat 202 Sky 501 Virgin 603 EE 313

# FRIDAY Freeview & films



Gavin & Stacey 11.00pm The couple's honeymoon is over

6.10am Nigel Slater's Dish of the ay **7.00** My Dream Home 8.00 Tipping Point 10.00 DIY SOS 11.00 DIY SOS: the Big Build 1.00pm Tipping Point: Lucky Stars 4.00 My Dream Home

**6.00pm Property Brothers:** Forever Homes Reworking an entire house to help a family stay in the home they love. (AD)

7.00 DIY SOS: the Big Build ransforming a home in Bolton for the Taylor-Mann family.

8.00 Emergency: First Time Medics Christine has a patient with alarming symptoms. (AD)

9.00 24 Hours in A&E A man has fallen down some stairs.

10.00 Ski A&E Rival universities hold a downhill grudge match.

11.00 Gavin & Stacey The happy couple return from honeymoon. 11.40 Gavin sets out to help Smithy. **12.20am** Stacey is bored. (AD) **1.00** Plate of Origin: the grand final **2.35–3.00am** Inside the Ambulance W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

#### **HGTV**

7.00am The Saved and Remade Workshop 8.00 The Great Interior Design Challenge (AD) **9.00** A Place in the Sun **10.00** Escape to the Country **11.00** Your Garden Made Perfect **12 noon** The Saved and Remade Workshop

1.00pm New Bargain Mansions (AD) 2.00 Flip or Flop 3.00 The Great Interior Design Challenge (AD) 4.00 Escape to the Country 5.00 The Saved and Remade Workshop **6.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers (AD) **7.00** Money for Nothing **8.00** Rock the Block 9.00 Fixer to Fabulous (AD) 10.00 My Lottery Dream Home 11.00 Bargain Mansions (AD) 12 midnight Your Garden Made Perfect **1.00am** as 5pm **2.00** as 3pm **3.00–4.00am** My Lottery Dream Home HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191 +1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

#### **London Live**

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am Griff's Great Australian
Adventure 7.00 Shine On Harvey Moon
8.00 Never the Twain 8.30 After Henry
9.00 The Brothers McGregor 10.00
Castle Builders 11.00 Planet Without
Apes 12 noon Shine On Harvey Moon
1.00pm FILM Beat the Devil \*\* (BW) 2.50 FILM Tomorrow We Live
★★ (BW) 4.35 London Districts
5.00 The World's Most Extraordinary Families **6.00** London Live News **7.00** Monkey **8.00** The Hairy Bikers' Pubs That Built Britain **8.45** Secrets of London with Mark Monroe **9.00** Murder in Suburbia 10.00 Cambridge Spies 11.15 FILM Listen ★★ 12.50am FILM The Informers ★★ (BW) **3.00** Discover London **3.30** News Rewind **5.00–6.00am** Talking Points ndon Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

#### Food Network 43



**Holiday Baking Championship** 11.00pm Judge Nancy Fuller

6.00am New. The Kitchen 7.00 Holiday Baking Championship **B.00** The Great British Bake Off **9.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas **9.30** Jamie's Family Christmas **10.00** Farmhouse Rules **10.30** Giada's Holiday Handbook **11.00** Gordon's Ultimate Seasonal Specials **12 noon** The Pioneer Woman **12.30pm** Girl Meets Farm 1.00 Marcus Wareing at Christmas 1.30 Jamie's Family Christmas 2.00 The Great British Bake Off **3.00** Gordon's Ultimate Seasonal Specials **4.00** The Great British Christmas Menu **5.30** Girl Meets Farm **6.00** The Great British Bake Off **7.00 New.** Marcus Wareing at Christmas: the chef serves up Christmas Eve dishes, including pollock in mushroom sauce 7.30 Jamie's Family Christmas 8.00 Gordon's Ultimate Seasonal Specials 9.00 The Great British Christmas Menu 10.30 Rachel Allen's Christmas Cake Diaries 11.00 New Holiday Baking Championship **1.00am** James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (AD) **2.00–3.00am** Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdown

#### (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot) **Great TV**

Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140

8.00am Diagnosis Murder 9.00 Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **11.00** Castle 1.00pm Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 5.00 Murder She Wrote **7.00** M\*A\*S\*H **9.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased): Marty tries to rescue Jeannie, who has been kidnapped 10.00 The Persuaders!: a hung-over Brett wakes up to find himself married **11.00** Return of the Saint **12 midnight** M\*A\*S\*H **2.00am** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 3.00 The Persuaders! **3.50** Movie News **4.00** Castle **4.50–5.00am** Movie News

**Great TV** Freeview 50 (*limited*) Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

#### True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives 11.00 Written In Blood **1.00pm** The Jury Room 3.00 Medical Detectives 5.00 Written In Blood: double bill. The bizarre case of a man dubbed the Rotherham Shoe Rapist, then Simon Toyne travels to Darlington to investigate the case of Peter Chapman, dubbed the Facebook Killer **7.00** Judge Judy

1.00am Written In Blood 3.00 The Jury Room 4.50 Medical Detectives 5.40-6.00am Judge Judy

True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 **Sky** 147 **Virgin** 172

#### BBC Parliament 232

**6.00am** Westminster Hall: from Tuesday 5 December **9.00** Select Committees: recorded coverage of select committee proceedings **2.00pm** House of Lords: highlights of events from the House of Lords **6.00** Select Committees: recorded coverage of select committee proceedings 9.00 Scottish First Minister's Questions 9.45 Scottish Parliament 1.45–6.00am Senedd Cymru: Welsh Parliament **BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201**  PBS America 84



**Shackleton: the Greatest** Story of Survival 8.55pm

6.00am Plane Crash Re-created 6.55 Jazz 8.00 Beautiful Serengeti **8.50** The World after Stonehenge 9.55 Auschwitz in 33 Objects 11.05 Shackleton: the Greatest Story of Survival 1.00pm The World after Stonehenge **2.20** Shanghai 1937: Where World War II Began 3.35 Auschwitz in 33 Objects **4.45** as 8.55pm

6.40pm The World after Stonehenge 1/4. Neil Oliver explores the origins of Britain.

7.50 Auschwitz in 33 Objects 5/5. Stories of the prisoners of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

8.55 Shackleton: the Greatest **Story of Survival** The story of polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton.

10.55 Auschwitz in 33 Objects As 7.50pm.

12 midnight Surrender on the USS Missouri **1.15am** Beautiful Serengeti **1.50** as 6.40pm **2.45** Shanghai 1937: Where World War II Began **3.50** Plane Crash Re-created **4.45–6.00am** Jazz

PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

6.00am Hardcore Pawn 7.20 Rust Valley Restorers **8.15** Ancient Aliens **10.10** Hunting Nazi Treasure **11.10** Digging for Britain 12.10pm The of Is Out There 1.05 Pawn Stars 2.05 Container Wars 2.35 Hardcore Pawn 4.00 Ancient Aliens 6.00 Rust Valley Restorers **7.00** Storage Wars **7.30** New. Container Wars: the bidding is keen on a selection of hot items from New Orleans – even though they are said to have been struck by a voodoo curse **8.00** Dickinson's Real Deal 9.00 New Hitler's Secret Bomb: the race to develop the first atomic bomb 10.00 New. Secret Nazi Expeditions 11.00 Ancient Superstructures 12 midnight Hunting Nazi Treasure 1.00am Diagning for Britain 2.00 Irish Pickers 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal 3.45 Storage Wars 4.10 Alone

5.00-6.00am Pawn Star Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

#### Challenge

7.00am The Chase 10.00 Cash in the Attic **11.00** Bargain Hunt **12 noon** Wheel of Fortune (AD) **1.00pm** Tenable **2.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **3.00** Cash in the Attic 4.00 Bargain Hunt 5.00 Bullseve: darts-based quiz 6.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Chris Tarrant hosts the big-prize quiz, inviting another line-up of contestants to answer questions that could change their lives 7.00 Weakest Link: Anne Robinson hosts the quick-fire general knowledge quiz **8.00** The Chase: four contestants work as a team to take on one of the Chasers in the hope of winning a cash prize 10.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? 11.00 Tenable
12 midnight Weakest Link 1.00am
Cash Trapped 2.00 The Chase
4.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?
5.00-6.00am Bridge of Lies

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

### CHILDREN'S

#### Milkshake! on C5

5.45am Paw Patrol 6.00 New. Milkshake! News **6.10 New**. Milkshake! Badgers: their Secret World **6.15** Sunny Bunnies **6.20** Peppa Pig **6.25** Oggy Oggy 6.35 Odo 6.40 New. Tweedy & Fluff 6.45 Fireman Sam 7.00 Thomas & Friends 7.10 Peppa Pig 7.20 Paw Patrol 7.35 Pip and Posy 7.40 Paddington 8.00 Animal Care Club 8.15 Milo 8.35 Paw Patrol **8.45** Chip and Potato **8.55** Peppa Pig **9.10–9.15am New.** Milkshake! Story Den Full listings for Channel 5 are on p104

#### **CBeebies**

6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 Vegesaurs 6.00am Colourblocks 6.05 Vegesaurs 6.10 Bing 6.20 Teletubbies 6.35 Tee and Mo 6.40 Chuggington 6.50 Bing 7.00 Colourblocks 7.05 Hey Duggee 7.25 Bluey 7.40 Go Jetters 7.50 Peter Rabbit 8.05 Octonauts 8.15 Numberblocks 8.20 Alphablocks 8.25 Popcast 8.35 Justin's House 9.00 Bing 9.10 Yakka Deel 9.15 Love Monster 9.20 Dipdap 9.25 Colourblocks 9.30 Twirlywoos 9.45 Colourblocks 9.30 Twirlywoos 9.45 Colourblocks 9.30 Twirlywoos 9.45 Something Special 10.00 My Petsaurus 10.05 Teletubbies 10.20 The Toddler Club 10.35 Tiny Wonders 10.40 New. Olga Da Polga 10.50 Gecko's Garage 10.55 Bluey 11.00 Supertato 11.10 Let's Go for a Walk 11.25 Popcast 11.35 Teeny Tiny Creatures 11.45 Our Family 12 noon Big Cook Little Cook 12.20pm Waffle the Wonder Dog 12.30 Get Well Soon 12.40 Safari Adventures 1.00 Yakka Deel 1.05 Numberblocks 1.10 Yakka Deel 1.05 Numberblocks 1.10 Alphablocks 1.15 Hey Duggee 1.25 Love Monster 1.35 Colourblocks 1.45 Something Special 2.00 My Petsaurus 2.05 Teletubbies 2.20 Dipdap 2.25 Supertato 2.30 Go Jetters 2.40 Maddie's Do You Know? 2.55 Prehistor Adventures 3.10 Our Family 3.15 Adventures 3.10 Our Family 3.15
New. Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest 3.30
Love Monster 3.40 Hey Duggee 3.45
Peter Rabbit 4.00 New. Dog Squad
4.10 The Game Catchers 4.20 Bluey
4.35 Supertato 4.45 New. I Can Do It,
You Can Too 5.00 Blue Peter 5.25
Popcast 5.35 JoJo & Gran Gran 5.45
Moon and Me 6.10 Clangers 6.20
In the Night Garden... 6.50-7.00pm
New. Cbeebies Bedtime Stories

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**7.00am** Shaun the Sheep **7.05**Danger Mouse **7.20** Dennis & Gnasher
Unleashed! **7.35** Boy Girl Dog Cat
Mouse Cheese **7.45** New. Newsround **7.55** Grizzy and the Lemmings **8.00 New.** Andy and the Band **8.20** Odd Squad **8.30** Monster Loving Maniacs **8.40** Operation Ouch! **9.10** Deadly 60 9.40 Andy and the Band 9.55 Nine Minute Ninja 10.05 Lagging 10.30 Horrible Histories: Horrible Christmas 10.55 Nark Bites 11.00 Bitesize 11.20 Out of This World 11.35 Our School 11.55 Danger Mouse 12.20pm Boy Gri Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 12.55 Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed! 1.30 Grizzy and the Lemmings 1.45 Summer Camp Island 1.55 Katy 2.25 Jamie Johnson FC 2.55 The Zoo 3.05 The Deep 3.30 Danger Mouse 3.40 Ninja Express 3.55 Taffy 4.00 Grizzy and the Lemmings 4.20 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese 4.30 Monster Loving Maniacs 4.45 Odd Squad 5.00 New. Blue Peter 5.30 New. Pokémon Horizons: a Rayquaza emerges from Roy's ancient poké ball **5.50** Dodger **6.50–7.00pm** Nikki Lilly Meets

**CBBC** F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701

#### ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noor

6.00am DC Super Hero Girls 6.10 New. Teen Titans Go! 6.25 Dodo 6.50 Mr Bean 7.45 Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! 8.10 What's New Scooby-Doo? 8.30-9.00am Scooby-Doo and Guess Who?

#### **ITVBe**

9.00am Chloe's Closet 9.15 Lily's Driftwood Bay 9.25 The Hive 9.35 Bobo 9.45 Claude 10.00 Oddbods 10.10 Ollie 10.15 The Sound Collector 10.25 Sooty 10.40 Pingu in the City 10.50 Bob the Builder 11.15 New. Teletubbies: Po goes sledging 11.25 Postman Pat 11.45–12 noon Mumfie

### **FILMS**

#### Film4

11.00am Pimpernel Smith ★★★★ Smashing adventure that updates the story of the Scarlet Pimpernel to Nazi-occupied Europe. Review p77. Leslie Howard (1941, U) (S) (AD)

**1.25pm The Caine Mutiny**★★★ Humphrey Bogart goes out of control as the martinet captain of a naval minesweeper in this gripping adaptation of Herman Wouk novel. Review, right. (1954, U) (S) (AD) 4.00 The Long Ships ★★ Swashbuckling Viking adventure that is too self-indulgent for its own

6.35pm Mrs Doubtfire ★★★★ Warm-hearted comedy drama in which a father disguises himself

good. Richard Widmark (1963, PG) (S) (AD)

as a nanny in order to be with his children after his divorce. **Review p57.** Robin Williams (1993, 12) (S) (AD)

#### 9.00 Die Hard

Gripping, no-holds-barred action thriller in which a lone cop takes on a band of ruthless terrorists inside a skyscraper. Review, right. Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman (1988, 15) (S) (AD)

11.40 Under Siege 2 \*\*

Predictable action thriller sequel with Steven Seagal dispatching villains who hijack the train he's travelling on. Eric Bogosian (1995, 18) (S)

1.45-3.50am Escape from New **York** ★★★ Futuristic action thriller in which prisoner Kurt Russell is persuaded to rescue the US President from the walled prison island of Manhattan. (1981, 15) (S)

Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 +1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

#### Talking Pictures TV

6.00am Bob's Your Uncle ★★ A soldier vies for the heart of his commander's daughter in this wartime romcom, Albert Modley (1941 II) (S) 7.30 The Prisoner of Shark Island
★★★ Thoughtful, fact-based drama in which Warner Baxter's dedicated doctor is imprisoned for treason. (1936, U) (S) **9.20 Mark of the Phoenix** ★ British thriller with a corkscrew plot. Julia Arnall (1957, PG) (S) **10.35 Prehistoric Women ★★** Hammer fantasy adventure starring Michael Latimer as a hapless jungle guide trapped in a prehistoric past populated by cave women. (1966, PG) (S) **12.20pm Sudden** 

**Fear** ★★★ Joan Crawford discovers her husband is plotting to kill her in this thriller. Review, right. (1952, PG) (S)
2.30 Crown Court TV drama. (S)
3.00 In Suspicious Circumstances
TV drama. (S) 4.15 Train of Events ★★★ Engaging portmanteau drama about a doomed train. (1949, PG) (S)

6.00pm Worzel Gummidge TV drama starring Jon Pertwee. (S) 6.30 Rhubarb Comedy short.

**7.10 Ransom** ★ Confusing action drama. Sean Connery (1975, PG) (S) 9.05 The Stepfather \*\*\* Sardonic and frightening B-movie about a murderous man's search for

the perfect home, Terry O'Quinn (1986, 18) (S) 10.55 Cellar Dweller ★★ Cheap but likeable fantasy horror about a creature that springs to life from a comic book, Brian Robbins (1988, 18) (S) 12.35am The Legend of the Lone

Ranger ★★★ Good-looking but under-powered tale about the masked avenger, Klinton Spilsbury (1981, 12) 2.30 Charade Delightful romantic comedy thriller in which Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn become embroiled in a game of double-cross. (1963, PG) (S) **5.00–6.00am** Saints and Sinners TV drama.

**Talking Pictures TV Freeview** 82 **Freesat** 306 **Sky** 328 **Virgin** 445

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Sky 504 Virgin 605



#### Great Movies 34

9.00am Woman on the Edge ★★
Twisty thriller. Rumer Willis (2018) 10.55
Forgotten Abduction ★★ Uneven
baby-swap thriller. Bree Williamson, Heather
McComb (2020) 1.00pm The Baby
Proposal ★★ Perky but totally
absurd romance. (2019) 2.55 Love's
Complicated ★★ Watchable romantic
comedy drama. (2016) 4.45 If Looks
Could Kill ★★ Enjoyably trashy
sociopath thriller. Summer Spiro (2016)
6.30pm A Call to Spy ★★★

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Fascinating tale of wartime derringdo about the women behind
Churchill's spy network. Stana Katic (2019, 12)
9.00 Criminal ★★★ Knowingly
played thriller in which the memories
of a dead CIA agent are implanted
into sociopath Kevin Costner. (2016, 15)
11.15 The International ★★ Stylish

thriller in which an Interpol agent and a New York district attorney uncover shady goings-on. Clive Oven (2009, 15)

1.45am Cell \*\* \* Enigmatic sci-fi horror thriller. John Cusack, Samuel L Jackson

horror thriller. John Cusack, Samuel L Jacksor (2014, 15) **4.00–5.40am** An Aurora Teagarden Mystery: Reunited and It Feels So Deadly **Great Movies Freeview** 34 **Freesat** 302

Sky 321 Virgin 425 +1 Freeview 61 (*limited* 10pm-5am) Sky 322

#### Great Action 42

8.10am Cripple Creek ★★ Solid western. George Montgomery (1952, U) 9.50 Castle Keep ★★★ Startling, allegorical war drama. Burt Lancaster (1969, 15) 12 noon Wild West Chronicles 1.00pm They Rode West ★★★ Fxriting western. Robert Francis (1954 II)

Exciting western. Robert Francis (1954, U)

2.45 The Virginian \*\* Enjoyable western. Trace Adkins (2014, 12) 4.50

The Mountain Road \*\* Glum war

drama. James Stewart, Lisa Lu (1960, U)

7.10pm Fall of Hyperion \*\*

**7.10pm Fall of Hyperion** ★★ A meteor storm threatens to destroy LA in this mediocre B-movie disaster thriller. Thomas Calabro (2008)

**9.00 Unstoppable** ★★ Lacklustre action thriller in which ex-soldier Wesley Snipes is injected with a mind-controlling drug. (2004, 15)

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for general viewing, but some scenes may be unsuitable for young or sensitive children; 12,15,18

for all; PG Parental Guidance -

**10.55 Blunt Force Trauma** ★★ Underground gunfighters alternate between combat and romance in this action thriller. Ryan Kwanten (2015, 15)

12.40am Inherit the Viper ★★
Moody crime drama. Josh Hartnett
(2019, 15) 2.20 Wild West Chronicles
2.50 War Machines 4.00-5.00am
Operation Barbarossa

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

#### Great Movies 52 Christmas

8.00am On the Twelfth Day of Christmas \*\* Unremarkable romcom. (2015) 10.00 A Blue Ridge Mountain Christmas \*\* Warm romance. Rachael Leigh Cook (2019) 12 noon Rocky Mountain Christmas \*\*
Touching romance. Kristoffer Polaha (2017) 2.00pm My Christmas Love \*\* Fun mystery. Meredith Hagner (2016) 4.00 My Christmas Dream \*\*
Likeable romcom. Danica McKellar (2016) 6.00pm The Christmas Candle \*\*
Heartwarmer about a new village vicar who refuses to believe a Christmas miracle. Hans Matheson (2013, U)

8.00 Double Christmas \*\*
Competing colleagues plan a
Christmas party in this romance. (2019)
10.00 Hats Off to Christmas \*\*
Undemanding drama. Haylie Duff (2013)
12 midnight Merry Kissmas \*\*
Slight romcom. Karissa Staples (2015)
2.00am Highway to Heaven

3.00-5.00am I'll Be Next Door for Christmas ★★ Light comedy. Nicole Sullivan, Atticus Shaffer (2018, PG)

Great Movies Christmas Freeview 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (limited 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

#### Sky Premiere

6.55am Love Again As 4.20pm 8.55 Renfield ★★★ Madcap horror comedy with Nicholas Hoult as the nervy assistant to Count Dracula. Nicolas Cage (2023, 15) 10.30 A Thousand and One ★★★

A Thousand and One ★★★
Empathetic indie drama about a
struggling single mother and the son
she "kidnaps" from the foster system.
Teyana Taylor (2023, 15) 12.35pm Genie As
6.20pm 2.15 As 8pm 4.20 Love
Again ★★ Schmaltzy romcom in
which a reassigned mobile number
brings together two strangers.
Privanka Choora. Sam Heughan (2023, 12)

6.20pm Genie ★★★ Perfectly cheesy comedy about a magical being assigned to help a workaholic father. Review p38. Melissa McCarthy (2023) 8.00 ☑ May December ★★★ An actor spends time with the woman whose life story she is about

to portray, Natalie Portman (2023, 15)

10.05 Violent Night ★★★★

Santa Claus is forced to take lethal action in this fast-moving, laugh-out-loud action fantasy, David Harbour (2022, 15)

12.05am As 8.55am 1.55 As

10.30am 4.00 As 10.05pm

**Sky Premiere Sky** 301 **Virgin** 401 **EE** 501/HD 515 **+1 Sky** 312

#### Legend

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8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger 9.00
The Six Million Dollar Man 10.00
Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 11.00
Strange Invaders \*\*\* \*\*\* Warmly
comic sci-fi drama about aliens who
have settled on Earth. Review, right.
Paul Le Mat, Nancy Allen (1983, 12) 1.00pm The
Gambler Returns: the Luck of the
Draw 5.00 Star Trek: TV sci-fi.

Gambier Returns: the Luck of the Draw **5.00** Star Trek: TV sci-fi. **6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine** Sci-fi starring Avery Brooks. **7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man**TV sci-fi adventure with Lee Majors. **8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger**TV action drama with Chuck Norris. **9.00 Southern Fury** ★ Nicolas
Cage's deranged gangster is the highlight of this grisly action flick.

Adrian Grenier, Johnathon Schaech (2017, 18) **10.55 Cell** ★★ A mysterious cellphone signal triggers global mayhem in this stylish if overly enigmatic sci-fi horror. John Cusack (2014, 15) **12.50am Cabin Fever** ★★ Gory, derivative horror about a deadly

Vincent (2002, 15) **2.45–4.30am**Matriarch ★★★ Slick, harrowing
Scottish horror. Charlie Blackwood (2018, 15)

Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

flesh-eating virus, Rider Strong, Cerina

#### Legend Xtra 🙉

8.00am Bone Eater ★ A cast of has-beens are terrorised by an unconvincing skeletal demon in his daft horror. Bruce Boxleitner (2007) 10.00 Andromeda 11.00 Battlestar Wars ★ Zero-budget, CGI-heavy ci-fi mockhuster Luke Fattorusso (2020-12) 1.00pm Wyvern ★★ Watchable TV-movie monster mayhem about a small Alaskan town that's terrorised by a winged beast, Nick Chinlund (2009, 15) 3.00 Andromeda 4.00 Star Trek 5.00 Doomwatch ★★ This Cornwallset spin-off from the BBC mystery series wastes its clever premise by drowning in science. Ian Bannen (1972, 12) 7.00pm Andromeda TV sci-fi series. 8.00 Star Trek TV sci-fi drama. 9.00 Jack's Back ★★ Madcap but watchable suspense film with James Spader as the twins who are drawn into a Jack the Ripper copycat case in present day. (1988, 18)

they got there. Thomas Cocquerel (2018, 15) **1.00–3.00am Jack's Back** As 9pm **Legend Xtra F'view** 69 **F'sat** 138 **Sky** 317 **Virgin** 171 **+1 F'sat** 139 **Sky** 318 **Virgin** 371

11.00 Alive ★★★ Gory mystery set

in a creepy facility where two people wake up with no memory of how

# **FILM REVIEWS**



FILM OF THE DAY

#### Jackie Brown ★★★★ 9.35pm-12.50am Dave

CRIME Pulling Elmore Leonard's bestseller Rum Punch into his own postmodern universe, director Quentin Tarantino makes this re-energised crime thriller a homage to, and an updating of, 1970s pulp blaxploitation fiction. Pam Grier stars as the flight attendant of the title, who is

Pam Grier stars as the flight attendant of the title, who is pressured into an entrapment scam after being arrested for cash smuggling. The superb cast also includes Robert Forster, Samuel L Jackson, Robert De Niro and Michael Keaton, while the soundtrack brims with funk and soul classics.

ALAN JONES (US 1997, violence, swearing, drug abuse, a sex scene, HD)

Strange Invaders ★★★★

11.00am-12.50pm **Legend** 12

SCI-FI Michael Laughlin's affectionate update of and tribute to 1950s alien-invasion movies (such as *It Came from Outer Space*) sees professor Paul Le Mat team up with reporter Nancy Allen to investigate after his wife disappears from a small town. The special effects are marvellous and the script is sharply observed. AJ (US 1983, edited for language)

**Sudden Fear** ★★★ 12.20-2.30pm

Talking Pictures TV

THRILLER Joan Crawford suffers various agonies in this film noir, in which she accidentally discovers her husband is plotting to kill her. Her whirlwind passion for someone as clearly sinister as Jack Palance strains credulity, but the film remains a visual treat under the direction of David Miller. ALLEN EYLES (US 1952. BW)

The Caine Mutiny ★★★

1.25-4.00pm Film4

DRAMA Humphrey Bogart is cast against type here as the martinet captain of a US minesweeper. His arrival causes a stir among the crew (including Fred MacMurray and Lee Marvin), but mockery turns to mutiny when Bogart's

erratic behaviour gets out of control. This was to be Bogart's last great role, and it earned him a deserved Oscar nomination. **JEREMY ASPINALL** (US 1954, HD)

**Stepmom** ★★★★ 8.00-10.30pm **ITVBe** 

DRAMA This touching and sophisticated film stars Julia Roberts as the girlfriend of divorcee Ed Harris, whose ex-wife, Susan Sarandon, falls seriously ill. With strong performances from actors who are not afraid to be unsympathetic, and some unpredictable narrative twists, this is far from your average sentimental family drama. LORIEN HAYNES (US/Ger 1998, may be edited for content, HD)

**Die Hard** \*\*\*\*\*\*\* 9.00-11.40pm **Film4** 

THRILLER This is the film that minted Bruce Willis's career. He plays off-duty cop John McClane, who faces off against suave Alan Rickman and his Euro-terrorists after they take a group of office workers hostage in an otherwise empty Los Angeles skyscraper. Director John McTiernan handles the bravura, vertigo-inducing set pieces with aplomb and the script oozes dry wit.

ANDREW COLLINS (US 1988,

violence, swearing, nudity, drug abuse, HD)

**Booksmart** ★★★★ 10.00-11.35pm **BBC3** 

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COMEDY Olivia Wilde (Don't Worry Darling) made her directorial debut with this razor-sharp coming-of-age romp. Beanie Feldstein and Kaitlyn Dever play swotty students who want to have fun before graduation, but realise they don't know how to party. Wilde depicts their adventures with some neat creative touches.

TERRY STAUNTON (US 2019, swearing, sex scenes, drug abuse, HD)

Enemy of the State ★★★★

11.05pm-1.35am **C5** 

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THRILLER Expert direction by Tony Scott and a winning central performance by Will Smith give this movie plenty of appeal. When a tape revealing the murder of a congressman ends up in lawyer Smith's possession, he finds himself relentlessly pursued by corrupt agent Jon Voight. Only ex-spook Gene Hackman can help the desperate Smith to survive. AJ (US 1998, violence, swearing, HD)

The Notebook ★★★
11.30pm-1.25am BBC1
(starts 12 midnight in Wales, not in N Ireland)

ROMANCE This shameless tear-jerker opens with elderly James Garner reading to nursing-home resident Gena Rowlands from an old notebook. We then flash back 60 years to an ill-starred teen romance between poor country boy Ryan Gosling and city girl Rachel McAdams. As slushy as it is, the movie hits all the right emotional buttons. DAVE ALDRIDGE (US 2003, some swearing, sex scenes, HD)

#### Sky Cinema picks

Seriously Red \*\* 3.55-5.45pm Sky Best of 2023
A woman becomes a Dolly Parton impersonator. (2022, 15)

Sky 302, Virgin 402, BT 502/516

The Other Guys ★★★ 8.00-10.00pm

**Sky Cinema Comedy** Knockabout comedy. (2010, 12) Sky 308; Virgin 408; BT 508/522

Red 2 \*\*\*

10.05pm-12.10am **Sky Action** More shenanigans with the retired secret agents. (2013, 12) Sky 306; Virgin 406; BT 506/520

Films to stream from p34 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more



# FRIDAY

# Satellite, cable

#### **Sky Showcase**



**Breeders** 11.00pm Luke is struggling with fatherhood

6.00am The Early Rundown 7.00 Breakfast with Anna Jones 8.00 Stop, Search, Seize (AD) 9.00 Nothing to Declare 10.00 River Hunters 11.00 Arctic from Above 12 noon Supergirl 1.00pm MacGyver 3.00 Hawaii Five-0 4.00 S.W.A.T. (AD) 5.00 The Simpsons

**6.00pm The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air** 2/24 Series 6. Will lands a job on Hilary's TV show. **6.30** 3/24. Carlton steps in for his father at Ashley's careers day.

**7.00 The Simpsons** A secret is revealed about Homer's marriage. **7.30** Homer is offered a new job by businessman Hank Scorpio.

8.00 The Hobbit: the Battle of the Five Armies  $\star\star\star\star$ 

Fantasy adventure, the conclusion to Peter Jackson's trilogy, starring Martin Freeman and Ian McKellen. (W)

**11.00 Breeders 9/10** Series 4
Paul and Ally try to help Luke, who is struggling with being a dad and a student. **See p101.** 

**11.30 The Lazarus Project** *Ep 4 Series 2.* The time machine leaves George and his colleagues stranded.

12.30am A League of Their Own 1.30 The Force: North East 2.30 Road Wars 3.00 Hawaii Five-O 4.00 S.W.A.T. (AD) 5.00-6.00am Motorway Patrol (AD)

**Sky Showcase Sky** 106 **Virgin** 109 **EE** 340/HD 355 **+1 Sky** 206

#### Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 7.00 Primeval 8.00 Home Shopping 11.00 Blood & Treasure 12 noon Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 2.00pm Blood & Treasure 3.00 Primeval 4.00 Stargate SG-1 5.00 Stargate Universe

**6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine** 8/26 Series 3. Dax falls in love with a man who is due to disappear for 60 years. Sci-fi adventure starring Terry Farrell. **7.00** 9/26. Cdr Riker's duplicate steals the *Defiant* and makes an attack on Cardassian territory.

**8.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 9/26** Series 2. The crew acts strangely after a stellar phenomenon, leaving T/Pol, the only one not affected, to save the craft.

9.00 Dan Brown's The Lost Symbol 3/10. Robert and Katherine are forced to turn to Nunez for help, while Sato interrogates Bellamy.

**10.00** 4/10. After being forced to split up by Mal'akh, Robert follows the next clue alone, while Katherine teams up with Sato to find her father another way.

**11.00 The Ark 5/12.** A radiation leak sparks crisis on the ship. **12 midnight 6/12.** The crew devise a plan to retrieve fuel.

**1.00am** Trickster **2.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **3.00** Stargate Universe **4.00–6.00am** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine: two episodes

**Sky Sci-Fi Sky** 139 (140 Scotland) **Virgin** 122 **EE** 348/HD 363 **+1 Virgin** 229

#### Sky Atlantic



**The Staircase** 9.00pm Michael defends his position

**6.00am** The Guest Wing (AD) **7.55** True Blood **10.05** Billions (AD) **12.20pm** Game of Thrones (AD) **1.25** Tin Star: Liverpool (AD) **3.30** True Blood: two episodes

**5.40pm Billions** 2/12 Series 3 Chuck tries to cash in a favour owed to him by a judge. (AD) **6.45** 3/12. Chuck faces a dilemma when he is given a perverse directive. (AD)

**7.55 Game of Thrones** *5/10*Series 2. Lord Baelish spots a chance to capitalise on the end of the Baratheons' rivalry. (AD)

**9.00 The Staircase 2/8.** As Michael and his attorney piece together their defence, Michael's children grapple with shocking new information about their father. (AD)

**10.10 Winning Time: the Rise** of the Lakers Dynasty 1/10 Drama chronicling the lives of the 1980s Los Angeles Lakers, starring John C Reilly, Jason Clarke and Quincy Isaiah. (AD)

**11.20 Landscapers** 4/4. Susan and Christopher each take the stand for a final chance to prove their version of events on that night in the Wycherley home. (AD)

12.20am The Outsider (AD) 1.25 Trackers (AD) 2.25 Game of Thrones (AD) 3.35 In Treatment 4.05-6.00am The Guest Wing (AD) Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales) EE 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

#### **Sky Witness**

6.00am UK Border Force 7.00 Border Patrol 9.00 Border Security USA (AD) 10.00 Motorway Patrol 11.00 The Equalizer (AD) 12 noon The Rookie (AD) 1.00pm FBI (AD) 2.00 FBI: Most Wanted (AD) 3.00 Caught Red Handed

**4.30pm Nothing to Declare** Seven editions following the work of customs officers in Australia.

**7.00 Caught on Dashcam Winter Special** A seasonal special of the most spectacular crashes.

**8.00 The Equalizer 9/18** Series 3 McCall and Dante's relationship is tested when a conman kidnaps a relative of McCall's client and entangles him in a heist. (AD)

**9.00 FBI: Most Wanted 17/22** Series 4. The team search for two missing students after their roommate's older brother is involved in a homicide.

**10.00 Blue Bloods** *11/16* Series 11 Danny and Baez learn to be allies when the transgender community comes under attack. (AD)

**11.00 The Good Doctor 7/22** Series 6. A woman pregnant with sextuplets arrives and Dr Andrews must split the doctors into teams to ensure safe delivery.

12 midnight Coroner 1.00am Chicago Med 2.00 Private Eyes 3.00 Departure (AD) 4.00 The Resident 5.00-6.00am UK Border Force: in Southampton Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 110

**Sky Witness Sky** 107 **Virgin** 110 **EE** 341/HD 356 **+1 Sky** 207 **Virgin** 310

#### Sky Max



**Strike Back: Silent War** 9.00pm Gracie and Natasha

**6.00am** NCIS: Los Angeles **7.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow (AD) **8.00** Supergirl **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12 noon** Supergirl **1.00pm** MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-**0 4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow (AD)

**6.00pm Stargate SG-1** 7/22 Series 6. Jonas begs the Pentagon to help save the people of his home planet. **7.00** 8/22. The Goa'uld captures the team, whose fate lies in the hands of two research scientists.

**8.00 A League of Their Own** *Ep 7 Series 18*. Quiz show with Jimmy Carr and Maisie Adam.

**9.00 Strike Back: Silent War** *9/10 Series 7.* Section 20 clash with Russian renegades Natasha Petrenko and Artem Orlov. (AD)

**10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks 6/7** *Series 1.* With Maisie Adam, Rag'n'Bone Man and Ms Banks. (AD) **10.45 7/7**. With Shaun Ryder, Bez and Desiree Burch. (AD)

**11.30 The Lazarus Project** *Ep 4 Series* 2. When the time machine malfunctions, George and the other members of the Lazarus mission are stranded in the wrong year.

12.30am The Force: North East 1.30 Road Wars 3.00 Hawaii Five-0 4.00 S.W.A.T. (AD) 5.00-6.00am Highway Patrol Sky Max Sky 113 (114 Wales) Virgin 111 EE 346/HD 361

#### Sky Replay

7.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry 8.00 Four Weddings (AD) 10.00 Stop, Search, Seize (AD) 11.00 Send in the Dogs 12 noon Highway Cops (AD) 1.00pm Road Wars 2.00 Most Haunted 4.00 Manifest: triple bill (AD) 7.00 MacGyver: Murdoc escalates his plan to take revenge on Mac (AD) 8.00 Highway Cops (AD) 9.00 FBI: the deputy commander of an air base is kidnapped 10.00 FBI: International: an American ballerina is the victim of an acid attack in Vienna (AD) 11.00 FBI: Most Wanted: the team search for two missing students connected to a homicide 12 midnight Brit Cops: Rapid Response (AD) 1.00am Stop, Search, Seize: Ireland's border force 2.00 A League of Their Own Road Trip: South-east Asia (AD) 4.00 Four Weddings (AD) 5.00 - 6.00am 6ixth Sense with Colin Fry Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

#### **Sky Crime**

6.00am Highway Patrol (AD) 7.00
Motorway Patrol 8.00 Highway Cops
(AD) 9.00 Nothing to Declare 10.00
Caught Red Handed 11.30 Border
Patrol 12 noon Made for Murder
1.00pm An Unexpected Killer 2.00
Killer in My Village 3.00 World's Most
Evil Killers 4.00 Britain's Most Evil
Killers 4.00 Killing Mum and Dad (AD)
6.00 Murders That Shocked the Nation
(AD) 7.00 World's Most Evil Killers 8.00
Britain's Most Evil Killers 9.00 Forensics:
Catching the Killer 11.00 The Murder of
Lyn Dawson: the Teacher, the Groomer,
the Killer 12 midnight World's Most Evil
Killers 1.00am Killer Siblings 2.00 An
Unexpected Killer 3.00 Murder in
Amish Country (AD) 4.00 Road Wars
5.00-6.00am Motorway Patrol (AD)

**Sky Crime Sky** 122 (123 Scotland) **Virgin** 121 **EE** 349/HD 364 **+1 Sky** 222 (223 Scot) **Virgin** 321

#### Gold



**Dad's Army** 8.20pm Captain Mainwaring and Private Pike

7.10am The Two Ronnies 9.40 The Green Green Grass 10.40 Still Open All Hours 11.20 Last of the Summer Wine 1.10pm Keeping up Appearances: Christmas special 1993 2.30 Death on the Tyne (AD) 4.25 Only Fools and Horses (AD) 5.50 dinnerladies (AD)

**6.35pm Only Fools and Horses** Christmas special from 1988. Del tries a dating agency.

**8.20 Dad's Army** Mainwaring finds himself bidding against Pike for an orange at a bazaar.

**9.00 Blackadder's Christmas Carol** Comic version of the classic tale starring Rowan Atkinson.
Kindly Ebenezer Blackadder is visited by the Spirit of Christmas.

**10.00 Harry Enfield and Chums** Festive edition of the comedy from 1997, featuring an alternative version of *Perfect Day*. (AD)

**10.55 Not Going Out** Lee's estranged father turns up unannounced, having walked out on his family when his son was four.

**11.35 Men Behaving Badly** Tony and Gary's gleeful anticipation of Christmas ends in disappointment.

12.35am Blackadder's Christmas Carol 1.35 Harry Enfield and Chums (AD) 2.25 Dad's Army 3.00 Not Onion Out 3.30-4.00am Desmond's

**Gold Sky** 110 (111 Wales) **Virgin** 124 **EE** 344/HD 359 **+1 Sky** 210 (211 Wales) **Virgin** 324

#### Sky Comedy

8.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 9.00 The Conners 10.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 10.30 House of Lies 11.40 Entourage 12.50pm Vice Principals (AD) 2.10 House of Lies 3.20 Entourage 4.30 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 5.00 The Conners: double bill 6.00pm The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 7.00 Will & Grace (AD) 8.00 The Office US 9.00 Sex and the City: double bill. Miranda learns she has a lazy ovary, then Miranda grows adventurous 9.35 Sex and the City 10.15 [3] CHOICE New. Breeders: Paul and Ally try to help Luke, who is struggling. See page 101 10.45 New. The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon: chat show 11.45 Martin Lawrence: You So Crazy 1.45am Curb Your Enthusiasm 2.20

1.45am Curb Your Enthusiasm 2.20 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air: triple bill 3.50–5.00am Vice Principals (AD)

**Sky Comedy Sky** 114 (115 Wales) **Virgin** 112 **EE** 347/HD 362

#### **Comedy Central**

8.00am Most Ridiculous: Cats
8.35 Most Ridiculous: on Vacation
9.00 Takeshi's Castle 10.00 Home
Improvement 12 noon Last Man
Standing 2.00pm The Middle 4.30
Friends (AD) 9.00 Jack Whitehall Live
10.00 New. Mike Judge's Beavis and
Butt-Head: double bill. Middle-aged
Beavis and Butt-Head pose as vets for
free beer, then the friends fill their
house with rubbish to meet girls
11.00 New. Ugly Americans: Randall
puts Mark's soul up for sale 11.30
FILM Nurse Betty \*\* \*\* Black comedy
drama starring Renée Zellweger and
Morgan Freeman 1.30am South Park
3.10 New. The Daily Show 3.35
Guessable? 4.20-5.00am The Middle

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

#### Alibi



**Without a Trace** 6.00pm Another mystery for Martin

7.15am Murdoch Mysteries 9.00 Rizzoli & Isles (AD) 10.00 Hudson & Rex (AD) 11.00 Without a Trace 12 noon Father Brown (AD) 1.00pm Shakespeare and Hathaway: Private Investigators (AD) 2.00 Murdoch Mysteries 4.00 Rizzoli & Isles (AD) 5.00 Hudson & Rex (AD)

**6.00pm Without a Trace 7/24**Series 5. Martin investigates the disappearance of a woman who vanished after an exorcism.

**7.00 Elementary 17/24** Series 3 Sherlock and Watson investigate the death of a woman who was flash-frozon

**8.00 Father Brown 4/15**Series 3. A murder is committed at the local army barracks. (AD)

**9.00 Death in Paradise 3/8** *Series 4.* The president of the local military re-enactment society dies mid-battle. (AD)

**10.00 Shakespeare and Hathaway: Private Investigators 8/10** Series 1. Frank and Lu
protect a troubled teenager. (AD)

**11.00 Rizzoli & Isles 9/15**Series 3. The duo investigate the death of a singer. (AD)

12 midnight Elementary 1.00am Hudson & Rex (AD) 2.00 CSI: Vegas (AD) 2.55-4.00am Murdoch Mysteries

**Alibi Sky** 109 (110 Wales) **Virgin HD** 114 **EE** 343/HD 358 **+1 Sky** 209 (210 Wales) **Virgin** 191

### **Discovery**

6.00am Wheeler Dealers 7.00
Countdown to Collision (AD) 8.00 Dive
Wars Australia 9.00 Gold Divers 10.00
Bitchin' Rides 11.00 Goblin Works
Garage 12 noon Salvage Hunters
1.00pm Building off the Grid 3.00
Alaskan Bush People (AD) 4.00
Blowing Up History 5.00 Wheeler
Dealers (AD) 6.00 Salvage Hunters
7.00 Outback Truckers (AD) 8.00 Gold
Rush 9.00 New. How the Universe
Works: examining what happens when
the two most powerful objects in the
cosmos collide (AD) 10.00 Aliens in
Alaska: strange men in black suits
knock on the door of a UFO witness
11.00 Expedition Bigfoot 12 midnight
Moonshiners: Master Distiller (AD)
1.00am How the Universe Works (AD)
2.00 Aliens In Alaska 3.00 Gold Rush
4.00-5.00am Wheeler Dealers

**Discovery Sky** 125 (126 Scotland) **Virgin** 177 **EE** 320/HD 325 **+1 Sky** 225 (226 Scot) **Virgin** 377

#### Discovery History

6.00am Expedition Unknown 7.00
Nasa's Unexplained Files 8.00 Blowing
Up History (AD) 9.00 Ultimate Warfare
10.00 Salvage Hunters 11.00 Shed and
Buried (AD) 12 noon Combat Dealers
2.00pm Nasa's Unexplained Files 3.00
Salvage Hunters 4.00 Mysteries at the
Museum 5.00 Blowing Up History (AD)
6.00pm Combat Dealers 7.00 Expedition
Unknown 8.00 Ultimate Warfare: the
plight of 17,000 US marines who were
trapped in North Korea 9.00 Combat
Dealers 10.00 Salvage Hunters: Drew
Pritchard dashes under a staircase for a
pair of floodlights 11.00 Shed and
Buried (AD) 12 midnight How It's Made
1.00am Combat Dealers (AD) 2.00
Salvage Hunters 3.00 Ultimate Warfare
4.00-5.00am Shed and Buried (AD)
Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181
+1 Sky 277 Virgin 381



# & sport

## **Sky Documentaries**



**Urban Secrets** 8.00pm Alan Cumming heads to Glasgow

6.00am The Movies 7.00
Discovering: Olivia de Havilland (AD)
8.00 The Directors 9.00 The
Nineties 9.55 The Vow (AD) 11.00
Urban Secrets 12 noon FILM Otto
Baxter: Not a F\*\*\*ing Horror Story
★★★ Following British actor Otto
Baxter, who has Down's syndrome
(AD) (W) 1.40pm The Puppet
Asylum (AD) 2.20 Life According to
Sam 4.05 The Directors 5.00
Discovering: Olivia de Havilland (AD)

**6.00pm The Nineties** A look at music from the decade, from Nirvana to the Backstreet Boys.

**6.55 The Vow** Catherine goes to the *New York Times* as her worries for her daughter increase. (AD)

**8.00 Urban Secrets** Alan Cumming explores the sights and sounds of Glasgow.

**9.00 Lockerbie** Investigators uncover a key piece of forensic evidence that points to a Palestinian terror cell. (AD)

**10.00 Greg leMond: the Last Rider** The story of the 1989 Tour de France, and the comeback of the US cyclist.

12 midnight Jackie Stewart 2.00am New series. Bad Host: Hunting the Couchsurfing Predator 3.00 Costa Concordia: Chronicle of a Disaster 5.00–6.00am Discovering: Olivia de Havilland (AD)

**Sky Documentaries Sky** 121 (122 Scotland) **Virgin** 188 **EE** 352/HD 367

## Nat Geographic

8.00am Abandoned 8.30 Bid and Destroy 9.00 Air Crash Investigation 10.00 Lost Treasures of Egypt (AD) 11.00 Drain the Oceans (AD) 12 noon Car SOS 1.00pm Ice Road Rescue 2.00 Air Crash Investigation (AD) 3.00 Nazi Megastructures (AD) 4.00 Draining the Thames: Secrets Revealed (AD) 5.00 Car SOS 6.00 Lost Treasures of Egypt (AD) 7.00 Air Crash Investigation: three editions. Investigators try to prove whether a crash was a terrorist attack 8.00 Why Air Florida Flight 90 plunged into a river 9.00 A cargo plane crashes within a mile of the airport 10.00 Border Protection Spain: drug traffickers are pursued 11.00 Air Crash Investigation 12 midnight Airport Security: Rome 1.00am Banged Up Abroad 2.00 Food Factory USA 2.55–5.00am Food Factory

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

## **Sky History**

6.00am Swamp People: Serpent Invasion 7.00 Forged in Fire Tournament of Champions 8.00 American Pickers 9.00 Pawn Stars 10.00 River Hunters 11.00 Strangest Things 12 noon Nature Gone Wild 2.00pm Swamp People: Serpent Invasion 4.00 Celts: the Untold Story 5.00 Pawn Stars 6.00 American Pickers 7.00 Forged in Fire Tournament of Champions 8.00 Ancient Aliens 9.00 Et CHOICE New series. Hitler's Engineers: the support Hitler received to cement his hold on power. See p100 10.00 New. Medieval Dead: a hill fort 11.00 Beyond Skinwalker Ranch 12 midnight Pawn Stars 1.00am Salvage Kings 2.00 Evil Genius with Russell Kane 3.00 Ancient Aliens 4.00-6.00am Nature Gone Wild Sky History Sky 123 (124 Scotland) Virgin 131 EE 353/HD 368 \*1 Sky 223 (224 Scot) Virgin 331

## Sky Nature



**Brazil Untamed** 6.00pm An ocelot in the Pantanal

**6.00am** Baby Animals **7.00** Monkey Life **8.00** Mysteries of the Mekong **9.00** Wild Crusades **10.00** Living Beach **11.00** Extreme Africa **12 noon** Brazil Untamed **1.00pm** Monkey Life **2.00** Mysteries of the Mekong **3.00** Wild Crusades **4.00** Living Beach **5.00** Extreme Africa

**6.00pm Brazil Untamed** In the Pantanal, the ocelot appears to be making a comeback. Scientists figure out clues to its resurgence.

**7.00 Monkey Life** New female chimpanzee Kalu meets big male Bryan. Capuchin boss Erico muscles in on a new log pile. **7.30** Alison is on a rescue mission after being contacted by the RSPCA.

**8.00 My Wild Cats** Observing five unique feline species making a comeback in the wild.

**9.00 Whale with Steve Backshall** The naturalist goes freediving with whales and dolphins.

10.00 Brazil Untamed As 6pm.

**11.00 Extreme Africa** The water birds attracted to the great lake Etosha during summer.

12 midnight Shark Squad 1.00am The Forgotten Forests of Malaysia 2.00 Widl Dogs: Pack vs Pride 3.00 Whale with Steve Backshall 4.00 Mysteries of the Mekong 5.00-6.00am Wild Crusades Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 EE 354/HD 369

## Eden

9.00am Underground Worlds 10.00
Abandoned Engineering (AD) 4.00pm
Underground Worlds 5.00 Abandoned
Engineering: six editions. Exploring ship
graveyards 6.00 How Europe's most
advanced power station became a film
set 7.00 The stories behind closed
roads 8.00 A fuel plant in Poland built
to make Nazi Germany self-sufficient
9.00 A set of Second World War sea
defences near the mouth of the
Thames 10.00 The construction of the
Vajont Dam in the mountains of
northern Italy (AD) 11.00 Underground
Worlds: the underground bases built by
the German army during the
occupation of Jersey 12 midnight
Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown
1.00am Abandoned Engineering (AD)
5.30-6.00am David Attenborough's
Natural Curiosities (AD)

**Eden Sky** 166 **Virgin HD** 176 **+1 Sky** 266 **Virgin** 376

## **Animal Planet**

8.00am Tanked 9.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 10.00 My Cat from Hell 11.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 12 noon Tanked 1.00pm Pit Bulls and Parolees 2.00 The Zoo 4.00 My Cat from Hell 5.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 6.00pm Tanked 7.00 Pit Bulls and Parolees 8.00 Legends of the Wild: the mysterious deaths of crocodiles in Australia's Northern Territory, then Damian Duffy and Matt Hoffman trek into some of the world's most dangerous areas (AD) 10.00 Alaska Monsters 11.00 Meet the Orangutans 12 midnight Meet the Penguins 1.00am Alaska: Surviving the Last Frontier (AD) 2.00 My Cat from Hell 3.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) 4.00-5.00am Tanked Animal Planet Sky 162 (178 NI) Virgin 178 +1 Sky 262 (278 NI) Virgin 378

## **SPORT**

## **Sky Main Event**

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440
6.00am Sky Sports News
7.00 Good Morning Sports Fans
8.00 LIVE Big Bash League
Cricket Sydney Sixers v
Melbourne Renegades at the SCG.
10.00 LIVE European Tour Golf
Round two of the Alfred Dunhill
Championship from South Africa.
3.00pm Total Football

**5.00** Sky Sports News **6.00 LIVE Golf** Day one of the Grant Thornton Invitational, the men's and women's team event.

7.30 LIVE Championship Football Coventry City v Birmingham City (kick-off 8.00). 10.30 Back Pages Tonight 11.00-6.00am Sky Sports News

## Sky Football

**Sky** 403 **Virgin** 513/HD 503 **EE** 422/HD 442

6.00am Classic Play-Off Finals 9.00
Greatest Games (AD) 10.00 League
One Retro: the 2019 play-off final
12 noon German Football: previews
12.30pm Championship Highlights
2.00 Scottish Premiership Football
2.30 Championship Highlights 3.00
German Football 3.30 Championship
Highlights 4.00 Scottish Premiership
Football 5.00 German Football
5.30 Championship Highlights
6.30 Scottish Premiership Football
7.30 LIVE Championship

Football Coventry City v Birmingham City (kick-off 8.00). 10.30 Dark Horses: tlaty's World Cup Triumph 11.30 Greatest Games (AD) 1.00 am Championship Season Review (AD) 2.00 EFL Trophy Football (AD) 2.30 Classic Play-off Finals 3.00 League Cup Retro 5.45-6.00am EFL Greatest Games (AD)

## Sky Golf

**Sky** 405 **Virgin** 515/HD 505 **EE** 424/HD 444

6.00am World Champions Cup Golf 9.30 European Tour Golf Round two of the Alfred Dunhill Championship from South Africa. 3.00pm The Life: Theegala 3.30 Greatest Holes (AD) 4.00 European Tour Golf 5.30 The Life: Theegala 6.00 LIVE Golf Day one of the Grant Thornton Invitational.

Grant Thornton Invitational.

9.00 World Champions Cup Golf

12.30am European Tour Golf 1.00

PGA Championship Official Film (AD)

2.00 European Tour Golf 2.30 Tee

Time Tips 3.00 European Tour Golf

4.30 Golf Academy 5.00 The Life

5.30-6.00am European Tour Golf

## Sky Sports Mix

Sky 416 Virgin 510 EE 429/HD 449
7.30–10.00pm LIVE British
Basketball League Newcastle
Eagles v Bristol Flyers (tip-off 7.30).

## Viaplay Sports

7.30–10.30pm LIVE Spanish Football Getafe v Valencia from Estadio Coliseum (kick-off 8.00). 7.55–10.00 LIVE Challenge Cup Rugby Union Clermont Auvergne v Edinburgh (kick-off 8.00).

## **Eurosport 1**

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412
6.00am Snooker 8.15 Biathlon
10.15 LIVE Biathlon World Cup.
11.45 Snooker: the Shoot-Out
12.45pm LIVE Snooker Day three of the Shoot-Out in Swansea.
5.00 Olympics 6.00 Snooker
6.45 LIVE Snooker Day three of the Shoot-Out at Swansea Arena.
11.00 Snooker: the Shoot-Out
1.00am Hall of Fame 2.00 Snooker
4.00-6.00am Cyclo-Cross



Champions Cup Rugby Union 7.00pm TNT Sports 1 Warrior king Johnny Matthews

## Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441

6.00am Premier League Greatest Games 7.00 Legends (AD) 8.00 Best Goals 9.00 100 Club 10.00 Total Football 5.00pm 100 Club (AD) 6.00 Legends 6.30 Fantasy Show 7.00 Preview 7.30 Big Interview 8.00 Review 9.00 Preview 9.30 Big Interview 10.00 Class of 92 11.00 Review 12 midnight Fantasy Show 12.30am Preview 1.00 Premier League Years: the 2004/05 season 3.00 Greatest Games 4.00 Best Goals 5.30-6.00am 100 Club (AD)

## **Sky Cricket**

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443

**6.00am** Best of the World T20 (AD) **6.45** Big Bash League Highlights **7.45** LIVE Big Bash League

Cricket Sydney Sixers v Melbourne Renegades at the SCG. 11.45 Big Bash Leaque 12.45pm Best of the World T20 (AD) 2.00 Big Bash Leaque 6.00 Best of the World T20 (AD) 7.00 Big Bash Leaque 11.00 Best of the World T20 (AD) 12 midnight Big Bash Leaque 4.00am World T20 (AD) 5.00-6.00am Big Bash Leaque

## Sky NFL

**Sky** 407 **Virgin** 517/HD 507 **EE** 426/HD 446

6.00am Bitesize 7.00 Pro-Football Talk 9.00 Jaguars Weekly UK 9.30 NFL Gameday 10.00 NFL Highlights 11.00 Bitesize 12 noon Good Morning Football 3.00pm NFL 4.00 Gameday 4.30 Bitesize 5.00 Highlights 6.00 Pro-Football Talk 8.00 Bitesize 8.15 49 Hours 8.30 Gameday 9.00 NFL 10.00 49 Hours 10.15 NFL Bitesize 10.30 Gameday 11.00 NFL Fantasy 12 midnight-6.00am NFL

## Sky Arena

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447
6.00am Super League 7.00 Darts
8.00 Pool: Mosconi Cup 1.00pm
Darts 4.45 Super League (AD)
5.00 Boxing (AD) 6.00 Unbeatable
6.30 LIVE Pool Day three of the
Mosconi Cup at Alexandra Palace.
11.00 Boxing Archive (AD) 1.00am
The Darts Show 2.00 World Darts
5.00-6.00am Super League (AD)

## Eurosport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413
6.00am Ski Jumping 7.55 Freestyle Skiing 8.50 Alpine Skiing: World Cup 9.45 LIVE Alpine Skiing World Cup, women's Super G at St Moritz. 11.45 LIVE Freestyle Skiing World Cup, ski cross from France. 1.10pm LIVE Blathlon World Cup. 2.40 LIVE Ski Jumping World Cup, men's World Cup qualifying. 3.40 Freestyle Skiing 4.00 Alpine Skiing 5.00 Blathlon 7.00 Cyclo-Cross 9.00 Alpine Skiing 10.00 Blathlon 12 midnight Cyclo-Cross 2.00am Blathlon 4.00–6.00am Snooker

## TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430

6.00am Sign Up 6.45 Wrestling (AD)
8.45 LIVE Australian Football
Central Coast Mariners v Western
United, men's A-League (ko 8.45);
10.45 Perth Glory v Melbourne
City, men's A-League (ko 10.45).
12.45pm Badminton (AD) 1.00 Pro
League Hockey 3.00 Serie A: Full
Impact 3.30 French Football 4.00
Premier League Review 5.00 The
Fantasy Show 5.30 Premier League:
the Big Interview 6.00 Netbusters
6.30 Premier League Preview

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7.00 LIVE Champions Cup
Rugby Union Glasgow Warriors
v Northampton Saints (ko 8.00).
10.30 Andrew Mensah's Stand Up
Kitchabout 11.00 Wrestling (AD)
1.00am LIVE Wrestling WWE.

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3.00 Premier League Football
4.00 Champions League Magazine
4.30 The Fantasy Show 5.00
Netbusters (AD) 5.30-6.00am
Premier League Preview

## **TNT Sports 2**

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431

6.00am French Football: highlights
7.00 Premier League Preview

**8.00 LIVE Australian Football**Western Sydney Wanderers v
Central Coast Mariners, A-League
Women (kick-off **8.00**).

10.00 Premier League: the Big Interview 10.30 French Football 11.00 Badminton Weekly (AD) 11.15 LIVE Abu Dhabi T10

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Cricket The first Qualifier match;
1.45pm The Eliminator match;
4.15 The second Qualifier match.
6.45 TNT Sports Cricket Reload
7.00 The Fantasy Show

7.30 LIVE Champions Cup Rugby Union Connacht Rugby v Bordeaux Begles (kick-off 8.00). 10.30 International T20 Cricket 11.30 LIVE International T20 Cricket New Zealand v Pakistan, the final women's T20 in Otago. 3.45am TNT Sports Cricket Reload 4.00 EuroCup Basketball 5.00 NBA Action (AD) 5.30-5.45am Reload

## **TNT Sports 3**

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432

5.45am LIVE International
T20 Cricket Afghanistan v
Sri Lanka in the Deaf World Cup;
9.45 India v Pakistan, a match
from the Deaf World Cup.
1.45pm Deaf Away Days 2.00 French
Football 3.00 Wrestling (AD) 4.45
TNT Sports Reload 5.00 Australian
Football 7.00 Inside Serie A: previews
7.30 LIVE Hadian Football

**7.30 LIVE Italian Football**Juventus v Napoli (kick-off **7.45**). **9.45** TNT Sports Reload (AD)

10.00 LIVE Pro League Hockey Argentina v Netherlands, the women's match (push-back 10.00). 12 midnight Premier League Preview: action and interviews

12.30am LIVE Pro League Hockey Argentina v Netherlands, men's match (push-back 12.30).
2.30 Andrew Mensah's Stand Up Kickabout 3.00 Australian Football 5.00–7.00am LIVE Australian Football Melbourne City v Perth Glory, an A-League Women match.

## **TNT Sports 4**

**Sky** 421 **Virgin** 530 **EE** 411/H**D** 434

Football A-League Women.

6.00am Champions Cup Rugby Union: action from the 2022/23 tournament 4.30pm MotoGP (AD) 4.45 NBA 7.45 LIVE French Football Montpellier v Lens (kick-off 8.00). 10.00 Champions League Magazine (AD) 10.30 Premier League Review 11.30 NBA (AD) 3.00am UFC 5.00-7.00am LIVE Australian



# Listen

**Turning Point: Mae West** Saturday 3.00pm Radio 4

N 1926, MAE WEST said, "Stuff it." It's not one of her most enduring quotes, but it proved to be a defining moment in her singular career. Tired of performing in other people's work and being forced to adapt to a conventional idea of female beauty and attitude, she went her own way, writing and starring in the play Sex, which became a smash hit on Broadway.

The following year she was arrested on stage and appeared in court, accused of "corrupting the morals of youth". Faced with the choice of apologising or going to jail for ten days, she chose the latter, and her legend was born.

While she was serving her time on Welfare Island, she was invited to dine with the warden. A play in Radio 4's Turning Point series imagines the subsequent conversation between two very different people. In fitting Mae West style, Tracy-Ann Oberman has both written and taken the lead role in this witty celebration of West's unique worldview, the controversy she courted and the phenomenal success that made her the world's top box-office draw and the second richest person in America by 1935.

"I have always known about Mae West. After Shakespeare, she is the most quoted person in the world," claims Oberman of her inspiration. "I've always seen clips of her films and I had her on a T-shirt. She's been at the edge of my

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consciousness for as long as I can remember."

Although, for many, Oberman will still be best known for her role of Chrissie Watts in EastEnders, where 14 million people watched her kill her errant husband Dirty Den in 2005, the London-based actor has many strings to her bow, including penning previous radio plays on Bette Davis and Joan Crawford's rivalry, the friendship between Rock Hudson and Doris Day, and the politics of the 1967 film Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. Is there a theme that connects all these, along with Ms West?

"For all of them, they had a make-or-break moment that secured their legendary status," Oberman reflects. "I'm using these icons to tell human stories. Mae was a working-

THE PICK OF THIS WEEK'S RADIO GIRL!' Tracy-Ann Oberman takes strength from the trailblazing spirit of her idol, Mae West PHOTOGRAPHED EXCLUSIVELY FOR RADIO TIMES BY JONATHAN FORD class girl brought up by German immigrants, but they're not fighting the same battles as Mae. and was brought up around crime, with a She produced her own films, and fought for

violent father. But she was the apple of her mother's eye, uneducated but smart. She appeared on stage from a young age, but she was curvy, not the archetypal flapper girl of the era, and she wasn't prepared to be put in a box. She became a woman of power and property, someone who refused to be silenced or let age diminish her importance.

She was as tough as nails and a brilliant businesswoman - a real trailblazer."

Do we have a modern-day equivalent? For the first time in our chat, Oberman looks perplexed. "I'm not sure there is one. That's quite depressing. It's fantastic that women are more empowered now,

casting and photo approval. I guess the nearest today would be Madonna, or Dolly Parton."

AE WEST'S VOICE remains one of the most distinctive in a century of Hollywood films, a unique accent Oberman had to get a handle on to bring her play to life. She admits now, "I found Mae's voice hard. I listened to her a lot. I don't like to do an impression, I want to get the essence. She stresses very odd words in her sentences, perhaps due to her German background. Plus I'm dealing with three different Maes throughout the course of the play - young Mae at the beginning, then a more mature version, as well as the ghost of Mae looking back on her life. It was a juggling act."

Despite Oberman's long-standing admiration for her subject, it seems West still had the capacity to surprise. During her research, the writer discovered a quite different side to the star



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from the public persona. "She sold herself on hard living, drink and sex, but she didn't actually partake herself," Oberman explains. "It was all work, work, work, and I wanted to bring that out. In every scene I have someone offering her a drink and a cigarette, and I purposely have her say no."

s well as her work ethic, it seems Mae West remains an inspiration in other ways. Oberman has become an increasingly vocal social media warrior, speaking out against antisemitism and online bullying, something of which she hopes Mae would approve.

"She had integrity, she wouldn't take no for an answer, she was brave and principled. She stood against racism and for mixed-race relationships, and even from jail she wrote another play called The Drag. She spoke her truth."

She pauses. "When you're authentic and you speak your truth, you bring people with you. For all those who haven't liked me speaking out on antisemitism and bullying, I've made so many allies and friends, it's made me feel brave, as though I have an army behind me. My world's got bigger."

Like West, Oberman is showing no signs of slowing down.

She's currently playing to rave reviews in The Merchant of Venice 1936, starring as the first female Shylock in a prominent stage production, one which she co-adapted to draw on her own family history - her great-grandmother was a working-class matriarch who fought British fascist Oswald Mosley's blackshirts at the famous 1936 Battle of Cable Street in London's East End.

"I was researching my radio play at the same time as preparing to play Shylock, and playing in Noises Off in the West End," she says now. "I had my head in three different places. But I thought, what would Mae do?

"For Merchant of Venice, I took a leaf out of her book. She carried her politics lightly, so it's fast-moving but it packs a punch. When I'm on stage, over one shoulder is my great-grandmother, thanking me for honouring her story, and over the other is Mae West, telling me, 'Look at you, girl." CAROLINE FROST



## **Steve Wright's Peter Kay Christmas Special**

Sunday 10.00am Radio 2

Because he's arguably Britain's greatest living comedian, rarely on radio, we won't complain about Peter Kay spending much of this hour with Wright talking about TV. He grew up obsessed with the small screen and it partly inspired his comedy career. No preview was available but we're promised typical Kay delights including his rendition of the Blockbusters theme and the story of how he and a barking dog nearly upstaged Sir Paul McCartney. His music choices? TV themes of course. What a pre-festive treat.

DAVID McGILLIVRAY



## The Wicker Man Night

from Saturday 5.35pm Radio 4 Extra

Welcome to Summerisle. No human sacrifices necessary. On the 50th anniversary of the first screening of folk horror The Wicker Man, Radio 4 Extra has assembled a selection of programmes celebrating the film's impact. Highlights include Evelyn Hollow (of *Uncanny* fame) talking to Leslie Mackie about her role in the movie and a 1995 radio drama with Brian Blessed in the role made famous by Christopher Lee, which is horrifying for very different reasons. ANNA JONES



## The Empire of Tea Monday-Friday 1.45pm Radio 4

As the author of books about the British Empire, Sathnam Sanghera came to realise there was one commodity that recurred in the background of many of the events he studied. That commodity was tea. Britain's favourite drink and the story of Britain's imperial past were inseparable, and here Sanghera brews up a fascinating account of how a 17th-century luxury turned into a necessity for almost everybody. Listen out for the Kew Gardens expert's tour of tea plants. SIMON O'HAGAN





## **AMBRIDGE DIARY** The Archers

Sunday-Friday 7.00pm Radio 4

What will be the fate of the Grange Farm land – and the concerned Grundys? The auction leads to turmoil, controversy, a confrontation and an announcement. Meanwhile. Kate (Perdita Avey, above) receives life-changing news and sets out to stop what's going on. Natasha and Tom realise they have taken on too much. And one character makes a shocking return, causing chaos in their midst. DAVID CRAWFORD



#### **CRIME**

# Underworld: behind the Scenes of the NCA

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This podcast details the work undertaken by the National Crime Agency to counter 21st-century crime and alert the public to the many ways they might become victims – it seems to be a worthwhile use of public money. You'll learn that a "FOG passport" is one fraudulently obtained but genuine, that your recorded conversation with a call centre could be used as evidence and that officers of the law use many of the same clichés favoured by David Brent. DAVID HEPWORTH

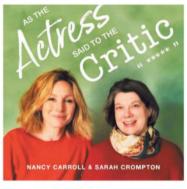




## **MUSIC**

# Too Much Effing Perspective

Even if rock mockumentary *This Is Spinal Tap* is not your comedy cup of tea, the concept of "a *Spinal Tap* moment" is now entertainment-industry shorthand for all sorts of weird and wacky yarns. Co-hosts Allen Keller and Alex Hofmann have a ball asking music folk for their own ludicrous stories. There are episodes a-plenty, including a heartfelt and hilarious one devoted to the late Jeff Beck and a performance-saving pair of trousers. **JEREMY ASPINALL** 

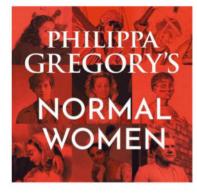


nominated", not "award-winning", which is

## **THEATRE**

## As the Actress Said to the Critic

Theatre is the most ephemeral of art forms. When a production has finished you can never experience it again. This makes talking about theatre – the essence of this podcast – a challenge. For example, when actress Nancy Carroll and critic Sarah Crompton discuss 60 years of the National Theatre, some of the plays they talk about are merely ones they wish they'd seen. The chat is a bit sprawling, but a ton of theatre love pushes the action along. SIMON O'HAGAN



ANNA JONES

## **HISTORY**

## Philippa Gregory's Normal Women

This has the makings of a landmark series. Joined by an impressive and varied range of contributors, novelist and historian Philippa Gregory shines a light inexcusably switched off for centuries on the women who forged this country. Not the queens, villains, saints and beauties about whom much has already been written, but the women who instigated riots, revolts and protests, or brought about radical change from their own front rooms. AJ



## **POLITICS**

# Politics at Jack and Sam's

If you decide you don't need another two-handed political analysis podcast, you'll be missing out on the enthusiasm for all things Westminster shared by hosts Jack Blanchard of Politico and Sky News's Sam Coates. Covering everything from Dominic Cummings at the Covid inquiry to the King's Speech, the pair's delight in their beat is palpable. They may sound youthful, but I wouldn't take these two on in a pub quiz. **CAROLINE FROST** 

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# Streams of Consciousness

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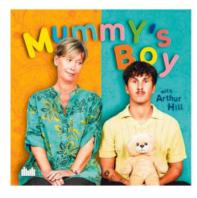




#### **HORROR**

## After Dark: Myths, Misdeeds and the Paranormal

This new, twice-weekly (Monday and Thursday) podcast from History Hit aims to dissect curses, hauntings, witchcraft and so forth with the accent firmly on reason and logic. Presenters Anthony Delaney and Maddy Pelling are historians with a special interest in how attitudes to ghouls, ghosts and even murder have altered down the centuries, and they often consult the best experts in their field. Brain food for those made of sterner stuff. DAVID McGILLIVRAY



#### COMEDY

## Mummy's Boy with Arthur Hill

Arthur who? He's a 24-year-old who's been on YouTube since he was 13. Now he has millions of fans on TikTok. His latest wheeze is this double act with his mum, Lisa, who's featured in Arthur's videos before and seems to know the score. But for comic purposes here she pretends to know little about the modern world, while her son tries to embarrass her, and we're invited to help out by sending messages ("What's your biggest turn-on?"). Could Arthur attract an older demographic? **DM** 



## **THRILLER**

## **Username: Resurgent**

Joe Sugg has a sprawling career: YouTuber, Strictly star, presenter, singer and graphic novel author. This similarly sprawling Audible Original drama, based on his comic books, touches on pagan horror, murder mystery and tech conspiracy. The story of teenage Serena, whose brother went missing after a global blackout, can be read as an allegory on the pandemic and the corrosive effect of smartphones. DAVID CRAWFORD



# JFK was shot 60 years ago – what more is there to say?

When John F Kennedy was shot in Dallas on 22 November 1963, I was 13 years old. Like everybody else, I can remember exactly where I was and what I was doing when the news came through. I remember not simply because the news was unusually shocking. I remember because it was the first major news story of the television age and therefore the first piece of news to burst upon an entire world in the same instant.

Because it was our first experience of gathering in front of the box in order to share a feeling, we kept on watching even when there seemed to be no further news to tell. From that Friday evening on we were locked in. We spent the weekend in front of the TV watching sad discussions and recitals of classical music. We were still there on Sunday in time to see the televised murder of Kennedy's assassin at the hands of Jack Ruby. By then we felt unshockable.

SIXTY YEARS LATER, the podcast Who Killed JFK? revisits the assassination using the stilted formula of one host, the movie director Rob Reiner, who's old enough to remember how these events felt, and another, Soledad O'Brien, whose job it is to warn the listener about the crazy things they used to get up to in the olden days.

Reiner has spent more time than most people mulling over the various alternative explanations of the murder, the majority of which involve Cuba or the Mob. The problem is that none of these are any more convincing than the one the Warren Commission came up with in 1964, which was essentially that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone, getting away three long-range hits in eight seconds, and that Jack Ruby was similarly self-motivated when he gunned down Oswald in the basement of the Dallas police HQ.

We were still in front of the TV on the Monday for JFK's funeral. The American TV audience that day was so great it was predicted it would never be equalled. It was actually exceeded when the Beatles made their American debut on the *Ed Sullivan Show*. Just two months later.

# RadioTimes P O D C A S T

THIS WEEK This week's guest is the adventurer and TV presenter Bear Grylls. He talks to Kelly-Anne Taylor about the life lessons his parents instilled in him, how breaking his back led to a new lease of life, the joys of watching telly in bed and why one soldier called him "dumb" in the SAS recruitment process.

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# SATURDAY Radio

## **TODAY'S CHOICES**



## Opera on 3

6.30pm **Radio 3** 

Forty-six years since her lonely death in Paris, Greek-American soprano Maria Callas (above) – dubbed "La Divina" by her devotees and "The Tigress" by the tabloids - remains the most iconic opera singer of all time. her recordings still unchallenged in the catalogue, her life story memorialised in print, on stage and in a soon-to-be-seen film starring Angelina Jolie. To mark the centenary of her birth, Radio 3 celebrates Callas's artistry throughout the day, culminating in her classic 1953 recording of Puccini's Tosca, the work that bookended her 23-year career. MARK PAPPENHEIM

## **Amazing Sport Stories:** The Curse of County Mayo

6.30pm BBC World Service Superstitions abound in sport, with many athletes following pre-competition rituals for good luck, but the story of Gaelic football team County Mayo's 70-year "curse" is remarkable. In this three-part series, Irish-American sports journalist Dave McKenna gives a good outsider's introduction to the complicated rules and amateur. tribal atmosphere of Gaelic football – and, more importantly, a cynic's view of why Mayo have not secured an All-Ireland title for decades. Could it really be because a priest cursed the jubilant 1951 final winners for disturbing the solemnity of a funeral? **DAVID CRAWFORD** 

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS See p110/111 **Turning Point: Mae West**

3.00pm **Radio 4** 

Tracy-Ann Oberman stars in her own drama about the movie star.

#### The Wicker Man Night

From 5.35pm Radio 4 Extra A celebration of the folk horror film on its 50th anniversary.

## BBC Radio 1

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view\* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 **6.00am** Radio 1 Happy **7.00** Weekend Breakfast **10.30** Katie Thistleton **1.00pm** Matt and Mollie **4.00** Dance Anthems **7.00** Soundsystem Party 9.00 Rap Show 10.30 Rap Mixtape 11.00 Drum 'n' Bass Show 12.00 Drum 'n' Bass Mix 1.00am Classic Essential Mix 3.00 Future Dance Mix **3.30** Pete Tong's Hot Mix **4.00** Dance Anthems **5.00** Relax

## **BBC Radio 2**

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view\* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.00am Sounds of the 60s Tony Blackburn spins US and UK hits.

8.00 Dermot O'Leary 10.00 Claudia Winkleman Including at 12.30pm Radio 2's Strictly Playlist, with a preview of music on Strictly (BBC1 at 7.30pm).

1.00 Pick of the Pops Steve Wright with 1989 and 1998. Rptd Mon 3am (1989) and Tue 3am (1998)

#### 3.00 Rylan on Saturday 6.00 Liza Tarbuck 8.00 Sounds of the 80s

With Gary Davies, who welcomes as co-host writer/producer Peter Waterman of Stock Aitken Waterman, who in the 1980s and 90s produced hits for Divine, Dead or Alive, Bananarama, Mel and Kim, Rick Astley and Kylie Minogue.

10.00 Sounds of the 90s Two 1990s Positivity Mixtapes. (R) 12.00 Radio 2 Stories (R) 1.00am Dance Sounds of the 90s

with Vernon Kay

2.00 My Life in a Mixtape Picks from Hollywood star Andrew Garfield (also *Doctor Who*, 2007), then at **3.00** Doctor Who writer and voice of the Daleks, Nicholas Briggs.

4.00 The Good Groove with DJ Spoony Joyful floor filler. 4.30 Steve Wright's Love Songs **Extra** A playlist recalling 1992. **5.00 Tracks of My Years** Omnibus edition with Johnny Marr.

## **BBC 6 Music**

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909

6.00am Amv Lamé 8.00 Radcliffe and Maconie A 50th anniversary celebration of Robin Hardy's cult British folk horror film *The Wicker* Man, featuring Katy J Pearson - who performs music from the movie – and cast member Lesley Mackie (Daisy). See 5.30pm 4 Extra and Fri 11pm Radio 3. **10.00 The Huey Show** 

1.00pm Jamz Supernova 3.00 Gilles Peterson **6.00 Craig Charles** Funk and Soul. **9.00 Don Letts's Culture Clash Radio** 11.00 Sherelle The rave continuum. 1.00am 6 Music's Rave Forever 2.00 The Morning After Mix Two two-hour curated Christmas playlists

#### **Greatest Hits**

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk

F'view 716 Sky 0151 Regional variations on FM/MW 6.00am Jenny Powell 10.00 Mark Goodier **1.00pm** Richard Allinson **4.00** Weekend Anthems **5.00** Paul Gambaccini **7.00** Kate Thornton 10.00 Rhythm of the Night 1.00am Anthems 2.00 Music Marathon

## **Boom Radio**

DAB boomradio.co.uk

6.00am Dave Jamieson 8.00 Roger Day 10.00 Rob Jones 12.00 Simon's 70s 2.00pm Jenny Hanley 4.00 John's Jukebox 7.00 Saturday Soul 9.00 Graham Torrington **12.00** Night Ride 2.00am Music through the Night

## **BBC Radio 3**

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3

Freeview\* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903 News and weather 7.00am, 8.00 and 1.00pm

7.00am Breakfast With Elizabeth Alker.

#### 9.00 Record Review

Andrew McGregor with new and classic recordings. 9.30 In the first of Radio 3's programmes marking today's centenary of the birth of Maria Callas (1923–77), pianist lain Burnside identifies his pick of recordings featuring the iconic Greek-American soprano. See 11.45am, 3pm and 6.30pm and tomorrow 5.30pm **10.30** Building a Library Kate Molleson discusses a recording of Bela Bartok's *The Miraculous Mandarin*. 11.20 Record of the Week Andrew's top pick. Record Review Extra is broadcast tomorrow at 9.

#### 11.45 Music Matters

Tom Service marks Disability Awareness Week with members of the National Open Youth Orchestra in a discussion about the Clarion, a digital instrument that is opening-up music making for disabled students in the classroom. Plus input from the One-handed Music Instrument Trust regarding what it takes to design and make adaptive instruments for disabled music students. There's also a centenary celebration of Maria Callas Repeated Monday 10pm

#### 12.30pm This Classical Life

Jess Gillam is joined by New Zealand-born baritone Benson Wilson to share tastes, with music by Poulenc and John Rutter and recordings by baritone Dmitri Hvorostovsky, Samoan gospel singer Lani Alo, pop star Johnny Mathis and the British band Pulp. First broadcast March 2021. (R)

#### 1.00 Inside Music

British composer Alex Groves discusses a personal pick of works in detail, including music by Britten, John Luther Adams and Ben Nobuto and a recording by viol player Liam Byrne.

#### 3.00 Sound of Cinema

Continuing Radio 3's centenary celebration of Maria Callas, Matthew Sweet explores how she and her recordings have been featured on film. See 6.30pm

#### 4.00 Music Planet

Lopa Kothari introduces highlights from July's Rudolstadt Festival in Germany, with performances by Corsican polyphonic group A Filetta, Scottish band Imar, and Zanzibar taarab singer Siti Muharam.

#### 5.00 J to Z

Kevin Le Gendre with extended highlights of the dazzling solo piano set by Japanese pianist and composer Hiromi, recorded last month on the J to Z Presents stage at the London Jazz Festival.

#### 6.30 Opera on 3

Radio 3 marks today's 100th anniversary of the birth of soprano Maria Callas (1923–77) with a chance to hear her in the monumental 1953 performance of Puccini's Tosca at La Scala in Milan, conducted by Victor de Sabata and starring Giuseppe Di Stefano as Cavaradossi and Tito Gobbi as the villainous Scarpia. Presenter Martin Handley is joined by writer and broadcaster Sarah Lenton to discuss Callas's singular voice, life and legacy, and, with a selection of recordings, celebrate some of her other signature roles. See also tomorrow 5.30pm

## Scala Radio

DAR scalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Hannah Cox With the Piano Playlist at 8.00. 10.00 Angellica Bell Magazine-style show, including after **11.00** Angellica's Artist of the Weekend, today featuring starry mezzo-soprano Katherine Jenkins. 1.00pm Mark Kermode With film music.

**3.00 Jack Pepper's Culture Bunker** With guest Justin Hurwitz ahead of a 27 December Royal Albert Hall screening of Damien Chazelle's La La Land with a live orchestral performance of Hurwitz's Oscar-wining score. 5.00 The Console with Luci Holland Game music.

6.00 Ayanna Witter-Johnson Personal picks. 8.00 Saturday Night Scala With Darren Redick. 10.00 The Space Aplaylist designed to be soothing. 1.00am Night Music 5.00 In the Park

## Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork

F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am The Everyday Hustle 7.00 Motivation 8.00 Smash Bengali 10.00 Certified 11.00 Beyond Bollywood **1.00pm** Mehreen Baig **3.00** Certified Throwbacks **4.00** Amber Sandhu **6.00** DJ Kizzi **9.00** Pure Spice with DJ Manara 12.00 SOS Bhangra Mix 1.00am Panjabi Hit Squad 4.00 BBC Introducing

Puccini Tosca

Maria Callas (soprano) Giuseppe Di Stefano (tenor) Tito Gobbi (bass) Cavaradossi Scarpio Franco Calabrese (bass) Angelo Mercuriali (tenor) Cesare Angelotti Spoletta Shepherd boy Alvaro Cordova (boy soprano) Dario Caselli (bass) Sciarrone/Gaoler Sacristan Melchiore Luise (bass)

Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala, Milan, conductor Victor de Sabata

Plus highlights from other famous recordings featuring Maria Callas.

Donizetti II dolce suono (Mad Scene) (Lucia di

Lammermoor)

Lucia Maria Callas (soprano) Enrico Piero Cappuccilli (baritone) Bernard Ladysz (hass) Raimondo

Philharmonia Chorus and Orchestra, conductor Tullio Serafin

Bellini Deh! non volerli vittime (Final scene) (Norma) Maria Callas (soprano)
Mario Filippeschi (tenor) Pollione Nicola Rossi-Lemeni (bass) Rina Cavallari (soprano) Clotilde

Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala, Milan, conductor Tullio Serafin

Bizet L'amour est un oiseau rebelle; C'est toi?

C'est moi! (Final duet) (Carmen) Maria Callas (soprano)

Don José Nicolai Gedda (tenor) Choeurs René Duclos, Paris Opera Orchestra,

conductor Georges Prêtre RT OFFER Puccini Tosca (2 CDs) – a recent release of a 2022

recording featuring Melody Moore, Stefan Pop, Lester Lynch and the Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra conducted by Carlo Montanaro – is available for £16.90 inc p&p. Call 0115 982 7500 quoting ref PTC5187055 or visit radiotimes.com/cds

#### 10.00 New Music Show

Kate Molleson with the first of two programmes of highlights from last month's Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival, including Apartment House and Exaudi and James Weeks. And Jennifer Walshe introduces her 2020 piece Ireland: a Dataset.

12.00 Freeness With Corey Mwamba

1.00am Through the Night

With Jonathan Swain, beginning with a concert of mass settings old and new. **Rautavaara** Canticum Mariae Virginis **Victoria** Kyrie; Gloria (Missa Ave maris stella) Rory Wainwright Johnston Ave regina caelorum Victoria Sanctus; Benedictus (Missa Ave maris stella) James MacMillan A Child's Prayer Victoria Agnus Dei (Missa Ave maris stella) **Guerrero** Ave virgo sanctissima **Poulenc** Kyrie; Gloria (Mass) **Guerrero** Regina caeli laetare **Poulenc** Sanctus: Benedictus (Mass) Tallis O sacrum convivium

Poulenc Agnus Dei (Mass) RIAS Chamber Choir, conductor
Justin Doyle 2.10 Rameau Suite: Dardanus 2.47 Fritz Justin Doyle 2-10 Hameau Suite: Dardanus 2-14 FFRZ Violin Sonata, Op 2 No 4 3.01 Chausson Symphony in B flat, Op 20 3.37 Grieg Lyric Pieces (selection) 4.00 Johanson Four Songs about the Seasons 4.07 Haydn Trumpet Concerto in E flat, H Vlle 1 4.21 Soler Fandango in D minor 4.33 Lisinski Grand Overture No 7 4.47 Bach Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf, BWV226 **4.55** Ravel, orch Zygel Berceuse sur le nom de Fauré **5.01** Smetana Overture: The Bartered Bride 5.08 Marais Les Smetana Overture: The Bartered Bride 5.08 Marais Les folies d'Espagne 5.18 Telemann Es wird ein unbarmherzig Gericht, TWV1:542 5.30 Hildegard Instrumental piece 5.35 Grainger Hill-Song No 1 5.49 Nielsen Chaconne, Op 23 5.58 Dohnanyi Ruralia hungarica, Op 32b 6.21 Mozart Violin Sonata in G, K301 6.38 Rota Harp Concerto

#### Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

7.00am Alan Titchmarsh Including at 7.30 Wide Awake Club and after 8.00 Alan's Gardening Tip. 10.00 Aled Jones A selection of favourite music. 1.00pm Alexander Armstrong Classical music.

4.00 Moira Stuart's Classic FM Hall of Fame Concert Including festive music, featuring Prokofiev,

Tchaikovsky, Rossini, Elgar, Vivaldi, Schumann, Gruber, Holst, Mendelssohn, Delius, Mozart and Patrick Doyle. 7.00 Saturday Night at the Movies Jonathan Ross showcases comfort films for the season, with highlights of scores by Michael Giacchino (*The Incredibles*), Joe

Hisaishi (My Neighbour Totoro), Alexandre Desplat (Julie & Julia) and Alan Silvestri (Back to the Future). 9.00 David Mellor's Melodies A wintry playlist.

10.00 Calm Classics With Myleene Klass. 1.00am Katie Breathwick 4.00 Sam Pittis

## Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk

Freeview 727 Freesat 724 Sky 0107 Virgin 915

8.00am Frank Skinner 11.00 Sarah Champion 2.00pm Rock 'n' Roll Football 5.00 Indie Disco 7.00 Classic Rock Party 10.00 Sophie K 4.00am Emil Franchi





## 2 DECEMBER **SATURDAY**

## **BBC Radio 4**

#### 92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW) Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

**News** 5.30am, 6.00 and hourly to 12 midnight **Weather** 6.04am, 6.57, 7.57, 12.57pm, 5.57, 12.15am **Shipping Forecasts** 5.20am, 12.01pm (*LW*), 5.54pm, 12.48am

#### 5.30am News Briefing

**5.43 Prayer for the Day** A reflection and prayer with the Very Rev Dr David Bruce.

**5.45 New Storytellers 1/7.** Charlston draws on his experience of being homeless to reflect on how modern public spaces are being redesigned to lead him out of sight, sometimes forcing him into hidden and dangerous places. Producer George Ruskin (R)

## 6.00 News and Papers 6.07 Open Country

**5/15.** Wildlife biologist and film-maker Dan O'Neil explores what rewilding means for London. The Mayor, Sadig Khan, launched the Rewild London Fund to help make the capital a leader in urban rewilding, from restoring rivers to reintroducing species currently absent from London. One of those species is the beaver and at Paradise Fields in Ealing, a family of five beavers have just been introduced to their new home in the hope they will transform a gritty urban wasteland into a wildlife haven. Repeated from Thursday

## **6.30 Farming Today This Week**

News about food, farming and the countryside. **7.00 Today** 

With Martha Kearney and Amol Rajan.

## **7.25, 8.25** Sports news

7.48 Thought for the Day With the Rev Dr Rob Marshall.

#### 9.00 Saturday Live

Nikki Bedi and Jon Kay are joined by Christopher Eccleston, playing Scrooge in A Christmas Carol at the Old Vic in London. Producer Ben Mitchell

#### 10.00 Your Place or Mine

**8/12.** Dom Joly makes the case for Fogo Island in Newfoundland, Canada, which some flat earthers believe to be the end of the world. But will Shaun Keaveny fall off the edge into the whale-filled Atlantic ocean? Iszi Lawrence warns them of the moose-related hazards they may also face on this quest. Available on BBC Sounds since 29 November. Producers Beth O'Dea and Sarah Goodman

## 10.30 The Kitchen Cabinet

**3/7.** Jay Rayner presents the culinary panel show from Sheffield, with Melissa Thompson, Melek Erdal, Rob Owen Brown and Dr Annie Gray answering the audience's questions. Producer Dom Tverman Repeated Tuesday 3pm

11.00 The Week in Westminster The week's political proceedings.

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent BBC correspondents across the world tell stories from their regions.

#### 12.04pm Money Box

The latest from the world of personal finance. Repeated tomorrow 9pm

#### Your RT Money: page 136

#### 12.30 The Now Show

5/6. Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis are joined by David Eagle, Sarah Keyworth and Jazz Emu for a satirical look at the week's news. Rptd from yesterday Rptd Monday 11pm Radio 4 Extra

## 1.10 Any Questions?

Alex Forsyth chairs the political forum at Lichfield Cathedral in Staffordshire. Repeated from yesterday

## 2.00 Any Answers?

Listeners are invited to have their say on the issues raised in *Any Questions?* PHONE: 0370 010 0444 Lines open from 12.30pm EMAIL: any.answers@bbc.co.uk

#### 2.45 The Planet Earth Podcast

6/8. Mike Gunton goes behind the scenes on the wildlife series, talking to David Attenborough and the film-makers. Available on BBC Sounds since 26 November.

## 3.00 Drama: Turning Point: Mae West

Drama about the Hollywood star, Drama about the monywood star, co-written by and starring Tracy-Ann Oberman. In 1926, Mae West wrote, directed and starred in controversial Broadway show Sex, and was arrested during a performance for corrupting the morals of youth and sentenced to ten days in prison. The play imagines the events of a famous incident during her sentence when she was invited to dinner with the warden.

Mae West Tracy-Ann Oberman Lainie Warden Schleth Stuart Milligan Kathleen Adolph Zukor Alistair McGowan Matron Anoushka Cowan Jessica Dennis Lorelei King Tallulah **Pepter Lunkuse** Prosecutor Writers Tracy-Ann Oberman and David Spicer Matt Addis Producer Liz Anstee

#### See feature: page 110

#### 4.00 Weekend Woman's Hour

A round-up of highlights from the weekday programmes, presented by Anita Rani.

## 5.00 Saturday PM

Presented by Caroline Wyatt.

## 5.30 Sliced Bread

10/12. Consumer show in which Greg Foot and his guests explore what would be the best Christmas tree to buy. Repeated from Thursday

## 6.00 Six o'Clock News

## 6.15 Loose Ends

Clive Anderson and Kiri Pritchard-McLean are joined by Max Boyce and AJ and Curtis Pritchard. With music from Angharad Jenkins and Huw Warren, and Aisha Kigs. Producer Sukey Firth Repeated tomorrow 9.30pm

## 7.00 Profile

An insight into the character of a person in the news, from those that know them well. Repeated tomorrow 5.45am

## **BBC** Radio 4 Extra

## DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910 6.00am The Village Fête Comic drama 7.30 The Europeans as 12.30pm

8.45 Uncle Mort's South Country Comedy (1/5) 9.00 The Men from the Ministry 1973 sitcom 9.30 Whack-O! 1962 sitcom

10.00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird (1/3) 11.00 The Village Fête Comic drama. **12.30pm The Europeans** Hugh Bonneville reads from historian Orlando Figes's book (1–5/5)

1.45 Uncle Mort's South Country (Comedy (1/5) 2.00 The Men from the Ministry 1973 sitcom 2.30 Whack-0! 1962 sitcom 3.00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird (1/3)

4.00 Brave New World Dramatisation of Aldous Huxley's futuristic classic. From 2017 (6–10/10) 5.00 The Price of Fear Vincent Price introduces William Ingram's *To My Dear, Dear Saladin*. With Edward Woodward and Annette Crosbie. From 1983

**5.35 CHOICE: The Verb** A 2023 edition of the Radio 3 series, with Ian McMillan marking 50 years of Robin Hardy's The Wicker Man, kicking off an evening devoted to the folk horror classic. See Fri11pm Radio 3 **6.20 Fear in the Furrows** Simon Hollis explores the darker underside of the pastoral idyll. From 2019 **6.50 The World of the Wicker Man** 

Continuing 4 Extra's 50th-anniversary spotlight on

The Wicker Man, Evelyn Hollow speaks to actor Lesley Mackie, who played Daisy Pringle and sang on some of the film's songs. Continues 8,55pm (1/2) **7.00 On the Town with the League of Gentlemen** An episode of the 1997 black comedy with Reece Shearsmith, Mark Gatiss and Steve Pemberton
7.30 Sentimental Journey A 2006 programme
in which Arthur Smith joined *The Wicker Man*actor Ingrid Pitt (1937–2010) on a trip to Argentina 8.00 Early Versions: Summer Is A Coming In The history of the folk tune Summer Is A Coming In, a version of which is sung in The Wicker Man 8.15 Desert Island Discs With Christopher Lee 9.00 The World of the Wicker Man (2/2) 9.00 The World of the Wicker Man (2/2)
9.10 The Wicker Man Adaptation of Anthony
Shaffer's screenplay for 1973's The Wicker Man.
With Brian Blessed, Anthony DP Mann and others.
Featuring music by Brent Holland. From 2020
10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: Can't Tell
Nathan Caton Nothing (4/4), 10.30 Mark
Thomas: the Manifesto (3/4), 11.00 That
Mitchell and Webb Sound (1/6), 11.30 The Mitchell and Webb Sound (1/6), 11.30 The Croft and Pearce Show (1/4), 11.45 My Booze Hell by Little Johnny Cartilage (1/4) 12.00 The Destruction Factor (5/6) 12.30am The Price of Fear 1.00 as 5pm 1.35 as 5.35pm 2.20 as 6.20pm 2.50 as 6.50pm 3.00 as 7pm 3.30 as 7.30pm 4.00 as 8pm 4.15 as 9.15 pm 5.00 as 0.00 as 8pm 4.15 as 8.15pm 5.00 as 9pm 5.10 as 9.10pm

## 7.15 The Infinite Monkey Cage

4/7. The Scale of Life (Or Were Dinosaurs **Just Too Big?)** Brian Cox and Robin Ince are joined by palaeontologist Dr Susie Maidment, evolutionary biologist Dr Tori Herridge and comedian Dave Gorman to ask what is the optimum size for successful species survival. All episodes are available on BBC Sounds. Exec producer Alexandra Feachem Rptd Monday 4pm

## 8.00 Archive on 4: La Divina

To mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Maria Callas, singer Lesley Garrett and forensic psychiatrist Dr John Crichton look for fresh clues in the archive about the celebrated soprano and her remarkable yet tragic life. Featuring archive recordings of Callas herself, as well as Lord Harewood, Edward Downes, Simon Callow, Alan Sievewright, Carlo Maria Giulini, Dame Joan Sutherland, the Rev Richard Coles, and David Holmes. Producer Rosie Boulton

## 9.00 GF Newman's The Corrupted

8/8. Brian is waiting yet again for a court date, while the financial markets seem in turmoil. Joseph is relying ever more heavily on Tony Wednesday, but is this a good idea? All series are available on BBC Sounds. Lord Olinska Toby Jones Anatoly Popov/Clive Bunter, Lord Uninska loby Jones Anatoly Popov/Cive Bunter
Frian Oldman Joe Armstrong Justice Deed Matthewl
Tony Wednesday Alec Newman DCS Redvers
Sonia Hope Sarah Lambie EXO Avedlund Nigel!
Catherine Izabella Urbanowicz Mrs Jinks/Marcia Hoffman Matthew Marsh Arty Froushan Nigel Pivaro

Margaret Courtney
Flora Montgomery FBI Agent Pyke Julian Tyrwhitt Jonathan Tafler Chuck Haley PO Rogers/Paul Linthwaite/Robin Tim Listfield Matt Rippy Charles Davies Bleecher/Menachem Hvak DAC Henderson

Suzan Sylvester

Paul Kemp
Producer/Director Clive Brill (R) Nicholas Murchie

## 9.45 The Skewer

**8/8.** Jon Holmes twists current affairs clips into a surreal, satirical soundscape. Rptd from Wednesday Rptd Wed 11.30pm Radio 4 Extra

#### 10.00 News

## 10.15 Add to Playlist

8/9. The Crown composer Martin Phipps and singer/songwriter Natalie Duncan join Cerys Matthews and Jeffrey Boakye. Rptd from yesterday

## 11.00 Brain of Britain

**16/17.** Russell Davies chairs the last semi-final. Repeated from Monday

## 11.30 Uncanny

**Good Evening.** In 1989, Anne moves to a new house in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, with her husband and new baby. One day, while washing up, she's prodded in the back and hears a polite voice in her ear...but there's no-one there. On BBC Sounds since 29 November.

## 12.00 News and Weather 12.15-12.45am Poetry Please

1/4. Roger McGough is joined by Benjamin. Zephaniah. Repeated from Sunday

1.00 as BBC World Service

## **BBC World Service**

## DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview\* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906

Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin 5.00am The Newsroom 5.30 CHOICE: Amazing Sport Stories 5.50 More or Less 6.00 Weekend 9.00 News 9.05 BBC OS Conversations 9.30 Pick of the World 9.50 Over to You 10.00 News 10.05 Sports Hour 11.00 The Newsroom 11.30 Unspun World with John Simpson 12.00 News 12.05pm World Book Club: Shehan Karunatilaka talks about *The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida* **1.00** Newshour **2.00** Sportsworld **6.00** The Newsroom **6.30 CHOICE:** Amazing Sport Stories: The Curse of County Mayo: investigating claims a Gaelic football team is blighted by a decades-old curse (1/3) **6.50** Sporting Witness **7.00** News **7.05** The Reith Lectures: Professor Ben Ansell explores the state of democracy. Repeated from Wednesday R4 (1/4) **8.00** News **8.05** The Arts Hour **9.00** Newshour **10.00** The Newsroom 10.20 Sports News 10.30 Assignment 11.05 Music Life 12.00 News 12.05am BBC OS Conversations 12.30 CHOICE: Amazing Sport Stories 12.50 Sporting Witness 1.00 News 1.05 Unexpected Elements 2.00 The Newsroom 2.30 Health Check **3.00** News **3.05** World Book Club **4.00** News **4.05** From Our Own Correspondent 4.30 The Explanation 4.50 Sporting Witness

## BBC Radio 5 Live

693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905 Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

**News** and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

#### 5.00am 5 Live Boxing 6.00 Saturday Breakfast

Chris Warburton and Fleanor Oldroyd with news and a weekend preview

9.00 Patrick Kielty

Laughs, guests and features, including a game in which a sports fan tests their knowledge against a 5 Live commentator. And in the **5 Live Lounge**, a music artist plays the odd football chant.

#### 11.00 Fighting Talk

Rick Edwards plays judge and jury. 12.00 5 Live Sport

Mark Chapman with sports news. He's joined by Glenn Murray, James McFadden and Adam Crafton for football discussion, including build-up to today's **3.00pm** Premier League commentary. And at **5.00** Sports Report, followed at 5.30 by Nottingham Forest v Everton at the City Ground in the Premier League. **7.30 6-0-6** Robbie Savage and

Chris Sutton with a football phone-in.

9.00 Stephen Nolan Topical show. 12.00 Gangster: The Story of

the Burger Bar Boys 1&2/6 The story of the crack cocaine trade operated by a notorious Birmingham gang born out of the Handsworth riots in 1985, and the senseless 2003 murders of two teenage girls.

1.00am Greg McKenzie

## BBC 5 Sports Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

12.25pm Football FA Cup second round action, starting with live commentary on Alfreton Town v Walsall (until **2.30**), then at **2.55–5.00** AFC Wimbledon v Ramsgate.

## **Talksport**

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927 6.00am GameDay Breakfast 10.00 GameDay Warm Up 12.00 Championship Football West Bromwich Albion v Leicester City (kick-off **12.30pm**).

2.30pm GameDay Live 5.30 The GameDay Phone-In **7.30 Premier League Football** Newcastle v Man Utd (kick-off **8.00**). 10.30 Fight Night Boxing news. 1.00am Extra Time

## Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

12 noon-2.30pm FA Cup Football Alfreton Town v Walsall in the second round (kick-off 12.30). 2.30-5.00 Premier League **Football** Commentaryon Burnley v Sheffield United (kick-off **3.00**).

## **LBC**

97.3 FM (London area) DAB Ibc.co.uk F'view 732 F'sat 734 Sky 0123 Virgin 919 7.00am Andrew Castle 10.00 Matt Frei 1.00pm Sangita Myska 4.00 Clare Foges 7.00 Natasha Devon 9.00 The Legal Hour with Daniel Barnett 10.00 Nick Abbot 1.00am Clive Bull 4.00 Ali Miraj

## **Times Radio**

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

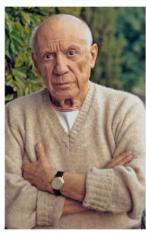
**6.00am** Chloe Tilley and Calum Macdonald **10.00** Hugo Rifkind **1.00pm** Alexis Conran **4.00** Ayesha Hazarika **7.00** Times Podcasts **8.00** Stories of Our Times **8.30** Red Box **9.00** Highlights **10.00** Darryl Morris 1.00am Highlights

\*Not available on Freeview in Scotland 4pm-1am. **Key** (R) Repeat

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# SUNDAY Radio

## TODAY'S CHOICES |



## **Sunday Feature:** Turning Picasso

6.45pm **Radio 3** Pablo Picasso is one of the 20th century's most fiercely debated cultural figures - both his work and his life the subject of exhaustive discussion. But 50 vears on from his death, here's Frances Stonor Saunders with a fascinating new angle -Picasso as would-be political bauble, the object of assiduous recruitment efforts in the US fight to win the Cold War. Yes, Picasso was a member of the French Communist party. but what really were his politics? The story of his portrait

## **Private Passions**

of Joseph Stalin provides

one answer. simon o'hagan

12 noon Radio 3

Walter Murch remains the doyen of film editing and sound design, with a prodigious list of credits (The Godfather trilogy, The Conversation, American Graffiti) and Oscars (Apocalypse Now, The English Patient). His picks reveal a craftsman's ear as he hails Pierre Henry for his musical equivalent of Jackson Pollock, while calling Beethoven "the father of cinema music" for putting "doves and crocodiles in the same cage". The 80-year-old also reflects on his friendship with George Lucas and the naming of a certain beeping Star Wars droid. JEREMY ASPINALL

## Clive Myrie's Christmas

100nm Radio 3

A series of favourite festive songs and music for Advent.

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS See p111. Steve Wright's Peter Kay **Christmas Special**

10.00am Radio 2 The well-loved comedian talks TV, music and his life.

## BBC Radio 1

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view\* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 **6.00am** Chillout Anthems **7.00** Weekend Breakfast **10.00** Anthems **11.00** Nat O'Leary **12.00** Radio 110s **1.00pm** Matt and Mollie **4.00** Life Hacks **6.00** The Official Chart: First Look **7.00** Chillest Show **9.00** Indie Show **11.00** BBC Introducing **12.00** Future Soul **1.30am** UK R&B Mix **2.00** Decompression Session **3.00** Chill Mix **4.00** Dance **5.00** Arielle Free

## **BBC Radio 2**

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view\* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.00am Good Morning Sunday Jason Mohammad presents solo, joined by gospel singer Sarah Téibo.

9.00 Steve Wright's Sunday Love Songs Personal dedications. 10.00 Steve Wright's Peter Kay **Christmas Special** 

Steve Wright invites stand-up, actor and writer Peter Kay to reveal his favourite music and discuss TV programmes from his childhood. **See choice, page 111.** Producer Andy Warrell

11.00 The Michael Ball Show With Nicole Scherzinger, currently on the West End stage in Sunset Blvd.

1.00pm Elaine Paige on Sunday 3.00 Sounds of the 70s with Johnnie Walker

Period hits and LP cuts. Plus quests.

5.00 Rob Beckett 7.00 Tony Blackburn's Golden **Hour** Pop and soul oldies

8.00 The Paul Gambaccini Collection

10.00 Radio 2 Unwinds with Angela Griffin 12.00 Phil Williams 3.00am Alternative Sounds of

the 90s with Dermot O'Leary A festive playlist featuring the Smashing Pumpkins, St Etienne, Teenage Fanclub and the Muppets, plus Christmas covers from Oasis, Radiohead, Dido and Travis 4.00 Owain Wyn Evans

## **BBC 6 Music**

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909 6.00am Amy Lamé

8.00 Radcliffe and Maconie 10.00 Cerys Matthews With Susan Rogers, engineer on Prince's 1983–88 albums. She's now a doctor of cognitive neuroscience, with a new book.

1.00pm Guy Garvey's Finest Hour 4.00 Iggy Pop Special guestTom Waits joins Iggy as co-host today. 6.00 Now Playing @6Music

8.00 Stuart Maconie's Freak Zone 10.00 Lose Yourself with... 12.00 Radio 1's Classic Essential Mix A two-hour 2017 Soulwax mix, then at **2.00am** David Holmes's 1997 mix.

4.00 BBC Introducing Mixtape

## **Greatest Hits**

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk

5.00 Chris Hawkins

F'view 716 Sky 0151 Regional variations on FM/MW 6.00am Jenny Powell 10.00 Mark Goodier 1.00pm Simon Mayo 4.00 Greatest Hits Superstars 5.00 The Smash Hits Years 7.00 Boogie and Arlene 10.00 Andy Crane 1.00am Music Marathon 4.00 Alex Lester

## **Boom Radio**

DAB boomradio.co.uk

7.00am Rod Whiting 10.00 Les Ross 12.00 Vintage Charts 1968 and 1978 2.00pm Simon Bates 4.00 Judi piers 6.00 Requests 8.00 Easy Hour 9.00 Sweet's Andy Scott Choices 10.00 Bill Bingham 12.00 Night Music

## **BBC Radio 3**

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3

Freeview\* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903 News and weather 7.00am, 8.00 and 1.00pm

7.00am Breakfast With Martin Handley. 9.00 Sunday Morning With Sarah Walker. 12.00 Private Passions

Michael Berkeley welcomes New York-born film editor and sound designer Walter Murch (now 80), whose three Academy Awards include Apocalypse Now (editing) and The English Patient (editing and sound), with nominations for other films. notably The Conversation, for which he won two Baftas. He discusses Wagner, Beethoven and more.

1.00pm Clive Myrie's Christmas

New series. 1/4. A Festive Classical Selection. Clive Myrie introduces festive classical favourites. On the First Sunday of Advent. his playlist includes Coleridge-Taylor's Christmas Overture, joyful sounds from Bach, a sleigh ride by Mozart, music from US jazz pianist Vince Guaraldi's 1965 TV soundtrack album A Charlie Brown Christmas, and carols sung by the choir of St John's College, Cambridge, and Voces 8.

#### 2.00 The Early Music Show

National Trust senior curator John Chu takes presenter Hannah French around Hardwick Hall and Kedleston Hall in Derbyshire to explore the musical links among the buildings, furnishings and art works.

#### 3.00 A Service for Advent with Carols

From the Chapel of St John's College, Cambridge. Recorded on 26 November, Introit There Is No Rose (Gerald Hendrie) Opening sentence. Processional Hymn: Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth (Puer nobis nascitur, descant Christopher Gray), Bidding Prayer: Carol Deus, Deus meus (Roxanna Panufnik). I: The Message of Advent. Sentence and Collect. Antiphons O Sapientia and O Adonaï. First Lesson: Mark 13, vv32–36. Motet Vigilate (Byrd). Second Lesson: Isaiah 11, vv1–5. Carol: A Tender Shoot (Kerensa Briggs). II: The Word of God. Sentence and Collect. Antiphons O Radix Jesse and O Clavis David. Third Lesson: Hebrews 4, vv12–16. Carol: This Is the Truth (Trad, arr Vaughan Williams and Christopher Robinson). Fourth Lesson: Luke 4, vv14-21. Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Veni Emmanuel, descant David Hill). III: The Prophetic Call. Sentence and Collect. Antiphons O Oriens and O Rex Gentium. Fifth Lesson: Malachi 3, vv1–7. Motet Fuit homo missus a Deo (Praetorius). Sixth Lesson: Matthew 3, vv1-11. Hymn: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (Winchester New, descant Christopher Robinson). IV: The God-Bearer. Sentence and Collect Antiphon O Emmanuel. Anthem: Bogoroditse Dyevo (Rachmaninov). Seventh Lesson: Luke 1, vv26–38. Magnificat: The Truro Service (Russell Pascoe). Eighth Lesson: The Annunciation (Edwin Muir). Anthem: The Hidden Light (Joanna Marsh) (new commission). The Christmas Collect. Carol: Noel: Verbum caro factum est (Tamsin Jones). Hymn: Of the Father's Heart Begotten (Divinum mysterium, arr Willcocks). The College Prayer and the Blessing. Organ Voluntary In dir ist Freude, BWV615 (Bach). Director of music Christopher Gray Herbert Howells Organ Scholar Alexander Robson.

## **Scala Radio**

7.00am Hannah Cox At 8.00 the Piano Plavlist. 10.00 Simon Mayo With a spotight on Delphian Records. 12.00 YolanDa Brown Personal picks.

3.00pm Jack Pepper Favourites and new discoveries. 5.00 The West End Weekend on Scala Radio

6.00 Scala Radio Presents: Classics at Christmas Alfie Boe presents highlights from Scala Radio's Christmas concert from 26 November at the London Palladium, with David Arnold conducting the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra. Performers include tenor Russell Watson, flautist Lisa Friend, cellist and singer Ayanna Witter-Johnson and Alfie Boe himself.

8.00 Sunday Night Scala With Darren Redick. 10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music.
1.00am Night Music 5.00 In the Park

## **Asian Network**

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork

F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am Gagan's Old Skool Mix 7.00 R&B Anthems 8.00 Smash Bengali 10.00 Certified Throwbacks 11.00 Gagan Grewal 1.00pm Dipps Bhamrah 3.00 Nadia Ali **5.00** Kan D Man **7.00** Pritt **9.00** Noreen Khan 11.00 Chill 12.00 Motivation 1.00am News Presents 2.00 Celebrates 4.00 Bobby Friction

#### 4.30 Jazz Record Requests With Alyn Shipton. 5.30 Words and Music

To mark International Day of People with Disabilities, a programme first broadcast in November 2020, here celebrating "crip creativity". Jonathan Keeble and Nadia Albina read from works by Milton, Oliver Sacks, Nuala Watts, Alice Walker, Elizabeth Barrett Browning and Sue Townsend. With music by Beethoven and recordings by Robert Wyatt. Evelyn Glennie, Stevie Wonder and others. (R)

#### **6.45 Sunday Feature: Turning Picasso**

Author Frances Stonor Saunders shares her findings regarding recently declassified CIA documents, which prove that for a 75th-birthday Pablo Picasso exhibition at New York's Museum of Modern Art in 1957, the head of MoMA seized on the occasion as an ideal opportunity to get the artist over from France, with the help of the CIA, to promote the cause of Western artistic freedom and anti-communist liberal ideals. But Picasso was not for hire. Producer Anna Horsbrugh-Porter

#### 7.30 Drama on 3: Angela

Pam Ferris stars as English playwright Mark Ravenhill's mother Angela in the dramatist's first autobiographical play. First broadcast May 2021.

Older Angela Pam Ferris The Fox/Doctor Carter Young Angela Matti Houghton Olivier Huband **Toby Jones** Doctor Adetiba/The Director Older Mark Dermot Daly Jackson Laing Social Worker/Ballet Woman/Nurse 3 Young Mark Angela's mum/Ballet teacher/ **Kirsty Stuart** Alexandra Mathie Doctor Mansoor/Plummy Man Nurse 2/Ivv Julie/Nurse 1/Plummy Woman Raj Ghatak

Nadia Albina Producer Polly Thomas (R)

9.10 Record Review Extra With Hannah French. 11.00 Round the Horn with Felix Klieser New series. 1/3. The Evolution of the Horn

As part of the International Day of People with Disabilities, German-born French horn player Felix Klieser, born without arms, takes us on a voyage through the history and around the mechanics of his instrument, celebrating its versatility and adaptability.

## 12.00 Classical Fix

Linton Stephen welcomes Athena Kugblenu in an edition recorded on 3 June at the Hay Festival. (R)

12.30am Through the Night With Jonathan Swain. Shostakovich String Quartet No 1, Op 49 Dvorak Piano Quintet No 2 in A, Op 81 Franck Piano Quintet in F minor (2nd myt) Casals Quartet, Christian Blackshaw (piano) 1.39 Franck Symphony in D minor 2.19 Hasse Cantata per flauto 2.31 Mendelssohn Violin Concerto in E minor 2.58 Johan Duijck Cantiones sacrae in honorem Thomas Tallis, Op 26 Bk 2 **3.18 Beethoven** Cello Sonata No 3 in A, Op 69 **3.43 Schulhoff** Fünf Stücke für Streichquartett **3.56 Van** Rennes Three Quartets for women's voices and piano, Op 24 4.01 Grainger Rustic Dance 4.05 Poulenc Sarabande 4.08 Telemann Overture (Suite), TWV41g4 4.19 Britten Five Flower Songs, Op 47 4.31 D Scarlatti Keyboard Sonata in C, Kk133 4.35 Wolf-Ferrari I gloieli della Madonna (intermezzi) 4.44 Ockeqhem Intermerata dei mater 4.53 Touchemoulin Sinfonia in C 5.13 Monti Csardas (arr for brass ensemble) 5.17 Thea Musgrave Loch Ness – a Postcard from Scotland 5.28 Weber Clarinet Quintet in B flat, Op 34 5.53 Bach Overture in G minor, BWV1070 6.09 Mozart Piano Sonata No 17 in B flat, K570 (R)

## **Classic FM**

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

7.00am Aled Jones With a Choral Classic at 8.15. **10.00 Andrew Marr** On the first Sunday of Advent, Andrew shares details of the history of *Silent Night* and plays a new recording of the 1818 song by Voces8.

1.00pm Joanna Gosling Classical favourities, today including music from Franco Zeffirellis Romeo and Juliet (1969) to mark today's anniverary of the birth in 1911 of Nino Rota, who composed the score. Plus a popular work by Vivaldi to mark the arrival of winter.

4.00 John Humphrys Personal picks. 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven Including the Young Classical Star feature, today with pianist Mao Fujita. 9.00 Moira Stuart Meets... 9/12. Moira invites Oscarnominated film composer Patrick Dovle (Hamlet, Sense and Sensiblity) to discuss his favourite classical music.

10.00 Calm Classics With Myleene Klass. 1.00am Bill Overton 4.00 Lucy Coward

## Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk

Freeview 727 Freesat 724 Sky 0107 Virgin 915

8.00am Jason Manford 11.00 Sarah Champion 2.00pm Rock 'n' Roll Football 6.00 Requests 8.00 Music Club 10.00 Tim Burgess's Listening Party 12.00 Dan Noble





## 3 DECEMBER **SUNDAY**

## **BBC Radio 4**

## 92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW) Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

News 5.30am, 6.00 and hourly to 9.00, 12 noon, then hourly to 12 midnight **Weather** 6.57am, 7.57, 12.57pm, 5.57, 9.59, 12.15am **Shipping Forecasts** 5.20am, 12.01pm (*LW*), 5.54pm, 12.48am

#### 5.30am News Briefing

**5.43 Bells on Sunday** Fom the parish church of St Mary the Virgin in Bures, Suffolk...

**5.45 Profile** Repeated from yesterday 7pm

#### 6.00 News Summary 6.05 Something Understood

Keeping a Mind Open. Mark Tully debates the pros and cons of an open mind. Producer Frank Stirling (R)

#### 6.35 On Your Farm

9/9. Richard Baynes meets American former oil executive Phil Close, who with his daughter Heather, has taken to raising smaller, all-grass-fed beef cattle that stay in the fields on the South Ayrshire hills near the coast all winter, even as storms howl in off the Irish Sea. Producer Richard Baynes

#### 7.00 News; Sunday Papers

7.10 Sunday Religious and ethical issues.

7.54 The Radio 4 Appeal

The Rev Dr Sam Wells, Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields, makes the Radio 4 Christmas Appeal for the work of St Martin-in-the-Fields for people experiencing homelessness. Producer Katy Takatsuki Rptd 9.25pm and Thu 3.27pm DONATIONS: Freepost BBC St Martin's Christmas Appeal; Credit/debit cards: Freephone 0800 082 8248; online via the Radio 4 website

#### 8.00 News: Sunday Papers 8.10 Sunday Worship

Marking the First Sunday of Advent from the chapel of St Catharine's College in Cambridge. Dean of Chapel, the Rev Ally Barrett leads a service exploring God's justice towards the Earth, with music from the St Catherine's College Girls' Choir. Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes); People Look East (arr Piers Maxim). Psalm 19. Longing for a Hope Filled Morning (Barrett - Picardy), Romans 8, vv18–25. Rorate Caeli (Byrd), Christ Be Our Light (Bernadette Farrell), Hills of the North Rejoice (Little Cornard).

## 8.48 A Point of View

A reflection on a topical issue. Rptd from Friday

## 8.58 Tweet of the Day Barnacle goose. (R)

9.00 Broadcasting House Presented by Paddy O'Connell.

## 9.45 Radio 4 Christmas Appeal: Making a Difference

Hugh Dennis with stories from some of the many people whose lives have been changed thanks to donations to last year's BBC Radio 4 Christmas Appeal. Producer Katy Takatsuki Rptd 5.40pm and Friday 3.45pm

10.00 The Archers Omnibus edition.

**BBC Radio 4 Extra** 

#### 11.15 Desert Island Discs

Taboo-breaking artist Marina Abramovic talks to Lauren Laverne and selects eight favourite recordings to take to the island. Producer Sarah Taylor Repeated Friday 9am

## 12.04pm I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue

3/6. Pippa Evans, Andy Hamilton, Tony Hawks and the Rev Richard Coles are the panellists in this recording from the De Montfort Hall in Leicester, with Jack Dee in the chair. Rptd from Monday Rptd tomorrow 10pm Radio 4 Extra

#### 12.30 The Food Programme

Sheila Dillon presents *The Food Programme* presenters' favourite food books of the year and visits a group of young people to talk reading habits. Plus book sales trends from Topping booksellers in Bath and the food books of this year as recommended by chefs. Producer Nina Pullman Repeated tomorrow 3.30pm

## 1.00 The World This Weekend

Presented by Jonny Dymond.

#### 1.30 Behind the Crime

**New series. 1/3.** Forensic psychologists Sally Tilt and Kerensa Hocken, who work with people in prison, interview people about their time inside and what happened afterwards. Today, the story of a young woman, Nina, who was imprisoned for fraud after getting herself into difficulties by signing a lease on a commercial unit for a bakery business. Producer Andrew Wilkie; Editor Hugh Levinson

#### 2.00 Gardeners' Question Time

Peter Gibbs and the experts answer questions from the postbag. Rptd from Friday

## 2.45 Opening Lines

A Many-Splendoured Thing 2/2. Exploring Han Suyin's semi-autobiographical romantic novel, John Yorke looks at Han's other love affair, with China itself. He explains that A Many Splendoured Thing is no longer in print and that this can be seen in the light of Han Suvin having been, for a long time, an advocate of communism in China. Producer Penny Boreham

#### 3.00 Love Stories:

## A Many-Splendoured Thing

2/2. Ming Ho's dramatisation of Han Suyin's semi-autobiographical novel. As the People's Republic is established in China, tensions in Hong Kong intensify, and Suyin is treated with increasing suspicion by the colonial elites.

Suyin Chipo Chung Nora Hung Jennifer Lim Mark Billy Howle Suzanne/Martha Monk Adeline Palmer-Jones/Mrs Cheng Elizabeth Chan Sarah Lam Sen/Ah Sun Jon Chev Humphrey Palmer-Jones Fiona Manton Ruth Everett Paul Courtenay Hyu
Robert Hung/William Monk
Robert Hung/William Monk
Mei Dickon Farma

Daniel York Loh Director Anne Isger

## 4.00 Bookclub

Donal Ryan discusses his novel The Spinning Heart with a group of readers.
Producer Nicola Holloway Repeated Thursday 3.30pm

Second World War, 16-year-old Robert Appleyard sets out on foot from his Durham mining village, desperate to see something of the world before

## DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910 6.00am Poetry Extra With Daljit Nagra in 1995 6.30 The Offing as 5.30pm

**7.40 Inheritance Tracks** as 6.40pm 7.50 The Old Wives' Tale as 6.50pm 9.00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show

9.30 The Navy Lark as 8.30pm 10.00 Desert Island Discs Revisited as 9pm

10.45 David Attenborough's Life Stories 11.00 Poetry Extra With Daljit Nagra in 1995

11.30 The Offing as 5.30pm 12.40pm Inheritance Tracks as 6.40pm 12.50 The Old Wives' Tale as 6.50pm

**2.00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show** A 1976 edition of the 1975–78 Radio 2 comedy series 2.30 The Navy Lark as 8.30pm 3.00 Desert Island Discs Revisited as 9pm

3.45 David Attenborough's Life Stories
4.00 The Destruction Factor James Follett's sci-fi thriller. With TP McKenna, Paul Copley and Rosalind Adams, From 1978 (5/6)

4.30 The Price of Fear Vincent Price introduces a dramatisation by Barry Campbell of AM Burrage's 1931 tale *The Waxwork*. With Peter Barkworth **5.00 Poetry Extra** With Daljit Nagra in 1995 5.30 The Offing Period coming-of-age drama by Benjamin Myers. One summer following the

he goes down the pit Abridged by Siân Preece and read by Kevin Whately. From 2019 (1–5/10) **6.40 Inheritance Tracks** Neighbours actor and musician Alan Fletcher discusses two recordings **6.50 The Old Wives' Tale** Dramatisation by Stephen Wyatt of the 1908 novel by Arnold Bennett (1867–1931), about two small-town sisters. Bennett (1867–1931), about two small-town sisters, with one eloping to Paris while the other stays at home to raise an unruly son. From 2004 (11–15/15) 8.00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show 8.30 The Navy Lark Sitcom by Lawrie Wyman, about the crew of the HMS *Troutbridge*. From 1968 9.00 Desert Island Discs Revisited A 2003 edition featuring presenter and entertainer Paul O'Grady who died in March, aged 67 9.45 David Attenborough's Life Stories 10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: Mark Watson Talks a Bit about Life (4/4), at 10.30 Brian Appleton's Unofficial Multimedia Lecture

(5/6), at **10.45** We Know Everything (5/6), at **11.00** Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (2/6), and at **11.30 Edge Falls** (3/5) **12.00** as 5pm **12.30am** as 5.30pm **1.40** as

6.40pm **1.50** as 6.50pm **3.00** as 8pm **3.30** as 8.30pm **4.00** as 9pm **4.45** as 9.45pm **5.00** The Life and Loves of a She-Devil ByFay Weldon (1/2) 4.30 Poetry Please

2/4. Roger McGough is joined by Jackie Kay, who picks out poems from listener requests, with works by WB Yeats, Roger Robinson, Norman MacCaig and Ntozake Shange. Producer Eliza Lomas Repeated Saturday 12.15am Requests to: *Poetry Please*, BBC, Bristol BS8 2LR EMAIL: poetry.please@bbc.co.uk or call 0370 010 0400

#### 5.00 File on 4

Paul Connolly investigates whether criminals and bad actors are ahead of the curve in their use of state-of-the-art Al. Repeated from Tuesday

5.40 Radio 4 Christmas Appeal: Making a Difference Repeated from 9.45am 6.00 Six o'Clock News 6.15 Pick of the Week

Geoff Bird presents highlights of BBC radio programmes. Producer Elizabeth Foster

#### 7.00 The Archers

Kate is on a mission, and debate rages at Bridge Farm. See choice: page 111. For cast see Friday Repeated tomorrow 2p

#### 7.15 The Thirteen Million Club

Briony May Williams hosts a showcase of comedians with neurodiversities and disabilities, such as the deaf comic Steve Day and Harriet Dyer, who has bipolar depression. Producers Lianné Coop and Simon Minty Repeated Friday 10pm Radio 4 Extra (R)

#### 7.45 Love on the Main Line

**New series. 1/5. London Victoria.** Romantic drama by Colin Bytheway. A data analyst who created her own dating app is preparing to marry the man it selected, according to her carefully managed schedule. But her ordered reality is challenged by her growing attraction to a comedian who believes love cannot be determined by an algorithm. Read by Rasmus Hardiker and Tigger Blaize. Director Celia De Wolff

## 8.00 Feedback

8/11. Andrea Catherwood fields listeners' comments on BBC radio. Repeated from Friday

## 8.30 Last Word

Matthew Bannister profiles notable people who have died recently. Repeated from Friday

9.00 Money Box Rptd from yesterday 12.04pm 9.25 The Radio 4 Appeal Rptd from 7.54am

## 9.30 Loose Ends Rptd from vesterday 6.15pm 10.00 The Westminster Hour

11.00 The Reith Lectures 1/4. Ben Ansell, Professor of Comparative Democratic Institutions at Oxford University, delivers a series of lectures titled "Our Democratic Future". Presented by Anita Anand. Repeated from Wednesday

#### 12.00 News and Weather 12.15-12.45am Sideways

**5/6. Perfectly Mediocre.** Matthew Syed asks what happens when we embrace mediocrity instead of perfection. Repeated from Wednesday

1.00 as BBC World Service

## **BBC World Service**

#### DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview\* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906

Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin **5.00am** The Newsroom **5.30** The Documentary: We the People Are Barbados **6.00** Weekend 9.00 News 9.05 From Our Own Correspondent 9.30 Outlook: an America aspiring professional footballer who chased his dream of playing in the UK **10.00** News **10.05** Music Life: Zach Condon is joined by Debbie Harry, Chris Stein and Stephin Merritt **11.00** The Newsroom **11.30** The Explanation: how the Rohingyas fled Myanma (5/10) 11.50 More or Less 12.00 News **12.05pm** The Reith Lectures: with Professor Ben Ansell (1/4) **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Music Life **3.00** News **3.05** Sportsworld **7.00** The Newsroom **7.30** Unspun World with John Simpson **8.00** News **8.05** Unexpected Elements **9.00** Newshour **10.00** The Newsroom **10.20** Sports News **10.30** Outlook **11.05** The

Climate Question 11.30 Pick of the World 11.50 Over to You 12.00 News 12.05am From Our Own Correspondent 12.30 The Explanation **12.50** More or Less **1.00** The Newsroom **1.30** Happy News **2.00** The Newsroom **2.30** Crowd Science 3.00 News 3.05 People Fixing the World 3.30 Pick of the World 3.50 Over to You 4.00 The Newsroom 4.30 The Conversation

## BBC Radio 5 Live

693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905 Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706

Sky 0131 Virgin 908 **News** and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

#### 5.00am Newscast

With Adam Fleming and friends. **6.00 5 Live Science** 

7.00 Sunday Breakfast With Chris Warburton and Eleanor Oldroyd. **10.00 Nick Bright** 

#### 12.00 5 Live Sport

Steve Crossman is joined by Nedum Onuoha, Ben Mee and Julien Laurens to discuss yesterday's football and look ahead to today's Premier League action, including Bournemouth v Aston Villa, Chelsea v Brighton, Liverpool v Fulham and West Ham United v Crystal Palace, with live commentary on Liverpool v Fulham starting at **2.00pm**. Plus Chelsea v Brighton updates. At **4.30** commentary on Manchester City v Tottenham Hotspur.

#### **6.30 6-0-6** Football phone-in. 8.00 Gordon Smart

A topical look at sports, news and culture, with listener input. Plus the chance to talk fears with resident psychotherapist Owen O'Kane.

10.00 Stephen Nolan Topical show 1.00am Dotun Adebavo

## **BBC 5 Sports Extra**

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra

F'view~706~F'sat~706~Sky~0131~Virgin~908

1.55pm Football Premier League commentary on Chelsea v Brighton & Hove Albion, then at 4.00 FA Cup second-round commentary on Wrexham v Yeovil Town (until **5.45**). **9.00 NFL** Stateside commentary.

## **Talksport**

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927 6.00am Weekend Sports Breakfast 9.00 Sunday Edition 11.00 The Warm Up 1.30pm The Sunday Session 6.30 Final Word 9.00 Trans Europe Express 12.00 A Talksport Special 1.00am Extra Time 5.00 Early Breakfast

## Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

2.45pm-5.00 Premiership **Rugby Union** Commentary on Leicester Tigers v Newcastle Falcons (kick-off **3.00**) If there's cricket commentary on West Indies v England ODI from 1.30pm, Premiership Rugby Union and the

5.00pm-5.00am NFL American Football Commentary on New York Jets v Atlanta Falcons (kick-off **6.00**), Philadelphia Eagles v San Francisco 49ers (kick-off **9.25**), and Green Bay Packers v Kansas City Chiefs (kick-off 1.20).

first NFL match won't be broadcast

## **LBC**

97.3 FM (London area) DAB Ibc.co.uk F'view 732 F'sat 734 Skv 0123 Virgin 919 7.00am Andrew Castle 10.00 David Lammy **1.00pm** Sangita Myska **4.00** Topical Programme **7.00** Rachel Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **1.00am** Richard Spurr 4.00 Ian Payne

## Times Radio

## DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

6.00am Chloe Tillev and Calum Macdonald **10.00** Kate McCann and Adam Boulton **1.00pm** Alexis Conran **4.00** Ayesha Hazarika **7.00** Podcasts **8.00** Stories of Our Times **8.30** Red Box **9.00** Highlights **10.00** Darryl Morris 1.00am Highlights

\*Not available on Freeview in Scotland 4pm-1am. **Key** (R) Repeat

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# MONDAY Radio

## TODAY'S CHOICES



#### Book of the Week: The Years

9.45am Radio 4 FM Our memory, Annie Ernaux (above) tells us in The Years, "is outside us, in a rainy breath of time". She recalls "images that follow us all the way into sleep - images that are bathed in a light all their own", and talks of how we will all "vanish in the vast anonymity of a distant generation". It was this sensibility that won Ernaux the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2022, and The Years is the Normandy-raised writer's most celebrated work - both a personal memoir of the period from 1941 to 2006 but also an idiosyncratic study of evolving society. Proustian in its sweep and detail, it's compellingly read

# South Africa: the Children of Paradise

by Sian Thomas. simon o'hagan

8.00pm Radio 4

Three decades after reporting on South Africa's transition from apartheid to democratic rule, Fergal Keane returns with former colleague Milton Nkosi to see whether Nelson Mandela's 1993 Nobel Prize-acceptance speech of hope that the country's people could live like "the children of paradise" has borne fruit. It is a chastening experience, as they revisit the Tembisa township where "crime is the daily bread" now and the failure of the ANC government to deliver jobs and basic services or deal with drugs and its own corruption has left the populace disillusioned. JEREMY ASPINALL

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS See p111 Empire of Tea

1.45pm **Radio 4**Sathnam Sanghera tells the story of the British cuppa.

## BBC Radio 1

97.6–99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view\* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 010 Virgin 901 7.00am Greg James 10.30 Rickie, Melvin and Charlie 1.00pm Dean and Vicky 3.30 Vick and Jordan 6.00 Sound of 2024: the Longlist 8.00 Future Artists 10.00 Power Down Playlist 11.00 Daniel P Carter 1.00am BBC Introducing Rock 2.00 Future Alternative 3.00 Relax in Love 4.00 Dance 5.00 Arielle Free

#### **BBC Radio 2**

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view\* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902 6.30am Zoe Ball

9.30 Vernon Kay
Music chat and features incl

Music, chat and features, including at 10.30 the pop quiz Ten to the Top. 12.00 Jeremy Vine

2.00 pm Scott Mills
4.00 Sara Cox
7.00 Jo Whiley
9.00 The Blues Show with
Cerys Matthews
10.00 Trevor Nelson's

10.00 Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation 12.00 OJ Borg

With Christmas edition of **One Hit Wonders** at **2.30am**, including a
1982 hit by comedian Frank Kelly
(1938–2016) – who played Father
Jack on Father Ted – and a 1990 hit by
former Emmerdale actor Malandra
Burrows. Plus the Idols in 2003.
3.00am Pick of the Pops 1/2. Steve
Wright with this week in 1989. (R)
4.00 Owain Wyn Evans

## **BBC 6 Music**

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music

Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909 7.30am Lauren Laverne 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00pm Craig Charles 4.00 Huw Stephens **7.00 New Music Fix Daily**With Tom Ravenscroft and Deb Grant. 9.00 6 Music Artist in Residence 1/8. The first of eight themed playlists from London rapper and DJ Shygirl (Blane Muise), who co-founded the ecord label and collective Nuxxe. 10.00 Riley and Coe Marc Riley solo with Smoke Fairies live in session.

12.00 Sinéad O'Connor Live at Glastonbury A festival performance kicks of five hours devoted to the inspired Irish singer/songwriter who died in July, aged 56.

1.00am Sinéad O'Connor at the BBC

2.00 The Sinéad O'Connor Playlist **3.00 The First Time with...** Matt Everitt's 2012 chat with Sinéad

Matt Everitt's 2012 chat with Sinéad O'Connor about her music in her life. **4.00 Mastertapes** 182/2. A 2014 two-parter with John Wilson inviting Sinéad O'Connor to discuss her 2007 album *Theology*, answer questions from a studio audience and perform acoustic versions of album songs. **5.00 Chris Hawkins** 

## **Greatest Hits**

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk

F'view 716 Sky 0151 Regional variations on FM/MW 6.00am Rossie 10.00 Ken Bruce 1.00pm Debbie Mac 4.00 The Simon Mayo Drivetime Show 7.00 Jackie Brambles 10.00 Andy Crane 1.00am Music Marathon 4.00 Alex Lester

### **Boom Radio**

DAB boomradio.co.uk

6.00am Andy Marriott 7.30 Graham Dene 10.00 David Lloyd 12.00 David Hamilton's Music Show 2.00pm Roger Day 4.00 Nicky Horne 6.00 Jane Markham 8.00 The Easy Hour 9.00 David Hamilton's Million Sellers 10.00 Diana Luke 12.00 Night Ride 2.00am Music through the Night

## **BBC Radio 3**

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3

Freeview\* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903

**News** and **weather** Half-hourly 6.30–8.00am, 1.00pm, 6.00 **6.30am Breakfast** With Petroc Trelawny.

**9.00 Essential Classics** With Georgia Mann.

12.00 Composer of the Week:
A Medieval Christmas

1/5. Blowe, Northerne Wynd. This week, Donald Macleod is joined by early music expert William Lyons to mark the beginning of Advent by exploring Christmas music and stories from the Middle Ages. Anon Gaudete Steeleye Span

**Anon** Personent hodie; Gaudete; Omnis mundus jucundetur Retrover Ensemble, director Markus Tapio **Pérotin** Alleluia nativitas

Hilliard Ensemble, director Paul Hillier **Anon** *Miri* it is while sumer ilast Dufay Collective **Anon**, **arr Lyons** *Blowe*, *Northerne Wynd* Voice Trio, Dufay Collective

Anon Seint Nicholas Was Borne in the Citee of Patras; Cantu mirro, summa laude; Sainte nicholaes; Salve cleri speculum – Salve iubar presulum Anonymous 4

**Dufay** Ce jour de l'an Alta Bellezza **RT OFFER** Hodie Christus natus est: a Medieval Christmas – featuring the Boston Camerata conducted by Anne Azema – is available for £16.90 incl p&p. Call 0115 982 7500 quoting ref HMM905339 or visit radiotimes.com/cds

1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert

From Wigmore Hall in London, Hannah French introduces Colombian cellist Santiago Cañón-Valencia, joined by pianist Naoko Sonoda in a programme of music by Ginastera, Márquez, Shostakovich and New Zealand composer Gareth Farr. Ginastera Triste; Zamba

(Canciones populares argentinas, Op 10) **Márquez** Lejanía interior

Shostakovich Cello Sonata, Op 40 Gareth Farr Shadow of the Hawk

#### 2.00 Afternoon Concert

With Ian Skelly, who presents performances from across Europe and from the BBC performing groups. As part of BBC Rethinking Disability, this week's **Artist's Choice** works have been chosen by members of the National Open Youth Orchestra. Plus a weeklong spotlight on the BBC National Orchestra of Wales in the **3.00** concert slot, and a showcase of Swiss brass ensemble the Wallberg Band with soloists.

Coates Overture: The Merrymakers BBC NOW, conductor Rumon Gamba Hannah Peel The Universe before Matter Paraorchestra, conductor Charles Hazlewood Handel Concerto Grosso in D, Op 3 No 6 Akade

**Handel** Concerto Grosso in D, Op 3 No 6 Akademie für Alte Musik Berlin, director Georg Kallweit **Sibelius** The Swan of Tuonela

BBC NOW, conductor Ryan Bancroft **Harold Moss** *The Nightingale* Christopher Bins (trombone), Wallberg Band, conductor Ivan Meylemans **Mozart** *Rondo in A, K386* Alexandre Tharaud (piano), Les Violons du Roy, conductor Bernard Labadie **3.00** Elgar *Cello Concerto in E minor* Santiago Cañón-

Valencia, BBC NOW, conductor Gergely Madaras Schrecker Intermezzo Sinfonia of London, conductor John Wilson Bach Orchestral Suite No 4 in D, BWV1069 Frankfurt Badio Symphony Orchestra, conductor Masaaki Suzuki

Rossini Overture: Semiramide Orchestra Gute Radio Symphony Orchestra, conductor Masaaki Suzuki Rossini Overture: Semiramide Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, conductor Mark Elder

## Scala Radio

DAB scalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Charles Nove Music and features.
10.00 Penny Smith Including the Scala Album of the Week and, after 11.00, this week's Listener in Residence, who shares favourite recordings daily, with a different theme each day. Plus requests from 12.00.
1.00pm Sam Hughes With popular classical works.
4.00 Richard Allinson With Classical Bangers at 5.30.
7.00 Mark Forrest At 8.00 the Peaceful Piano playlist.
10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music.
1.00am Night Music 5.00 In the Park

#### **Asian Network**

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am Everyday Hustle 7.00 Nikita Kanda 10.00 Certified 11.00 Kan D Man 2.00pm Certified Throwbacks 3.00 Ankur Desai 6.00 Bobby Friction 8.00 Motivation 9.00 Chill 10.00 Bloodlines 10.40 Playlists

11.00 News Presents 12.00 Shades On Mix 1.00am Bobby Friction 3.00 Motivation 4.00 Noreen Khan

#### 4.30 New Generation Artists

**Brahms** Mondenschein, Op 85 No 2; Auf dem Kirchhofe, Op 105 No 4 Konstantin Krimmel (baritone), Daniel Heide (piano) **Chopin** Fantasie in F minor, Op 49 Tom Borrow (piano) **Aznavour** Hier encore Rob Luft (guitar),

Elina Duni (voice), Fred Thomas (piano)

#### 5.00 In Tune

Katie Derham welcomes soprano Carolyn Sampson and, performing live after **6.00**, pianist Tom Borrow.

7.00 Classical Mixtape An inspired playlist.7.30 Radio 3 in Concert

Fiona Talkington introduces the Danish National Symphony Orchestra in a concert recorded in September at the DR Concert House in Copenhagen. Renaud Capuçon (violin), Danish National Symphony Orchestra, conductor Tugan Sokhiev **Debussy Prélude** à l'après-midi d'un faune **Strauss** Violin Concerto in D minor, Op 8

## **Chausson** *Symphony in B flat, Op 20* **9.30 Compline**

A reflective service for the first week of Advent from Corpus Christi Church, Leeds. With words and music for the end of the day, including works by Sheppard, Tallis, and Byrd, sung by the senior girls and choral scholars of Leeds Cathedral choir.

**10.00 Music Matters** Repeated from Saturday 11.45am **10.45 The Essay: the Enormous** 

Condescension of Posterity
1/5. Sixty years after the publication of The Making of

1/5. Sixty years after the publication of *The Making of* the English Working Class, by Oxford-born historian, writer and socialist EP Thompson, five essayists reflect on the legacy, ideas and personal inspiration of the work and place it in the present day. In this first instalment historian Sheila Rowbotham — who first met Edward and Dorothy Thompson in 1962, a year before the book's publication — remembers their catalytic influence on her own life and work.

11.00 Night Tracks With Sara Mohr-Pietsch.

12.30am Through the Night With Jonathan Swain. Rameau Prélude – Air accompagné Tristes apprêts (Castor et Pollux); Musette tendre en rondeau; Tambourin en Rondeau (Les fêtes d'Hébé); Vaste empire des mers (Les Indes galantes); Dieux vengeurs (Hippolyte et Aricie); Sommeil (Dardanus); Les vents; Contredanse en rondeau (Les Boréades); Bruit de guerre, pour entr'acte (Dardanus); Aux langueurs d'Apollon (Platée); Tambourins I and II (Dardanus); Entrée de Polymnie (Les Boréades); Forêts paisibles (Danse des sauvages) (Les Indes galantes) Purcell See, Even Night Herself Is Here (The Fairy Queen); Curtain Tune on a Ground (Timon of Athens); Hornpipes (The Old Bachelor); Ouverture; Minuet; Rondeau (Suite: Abdelazer) Britten Les illuminations, Op 18 Anna Prohaska (soprano), Sergio Azzolini (bassoon), Camerata Bern 1.51 Geijer Piano Sonata in F minor 2.12 Haydn Trumpet Concerto in E flat 2.31 Rachmaninov The Bells 3.09 Kuhlau Grand Quartet in E minor 3.31 Verdi Ballet music (Otello, Act 3) 3.37 Livadic Notturno in F sharp minor 3.45 Magi The Chamber of Wind 3.54 Schubert Arpeggione Sonata in A minor, D821 4.03 Frano Parac Scherzo 4.12 Mozart Piano Sonata No 16 in C, K545 (arr Grieg for two pianos) 4.21 Ridout Fall Fair 4.31 Telemann Trio Sonata in B minor, (D? 79 No 14.48 Sweellinck Le toutpuissant a mon Seigneur et maistre 4.56 Debussy Première rhapsodie (versio for clarinet and orchestra) 5.05 Piazzolla Tango Suite (2nd and 3rd mvts) 5.14 Matz Ballade for violin, cello and piano 5.22 Weber Symphony No 1 in C, Op 19 5.47 Albéniz Iberia, Book 1 6.06 CPE Bach Flute Concerto No 2 in B flat, Wql67

#### Classic FM

99.9–101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922
6.00am More Music Breakfast With Tim Lihoreau.
9.00 Alexander Armstrong

12.00 Anne-Marie Minhall Music and features, including at 12.00 Classic FM Requests — with listeners phoning in requests during the programme—and at 3.00 Hall of Fame 3 at 3, featuring three works from the current Classic Hall of Fame chart. Text requests on 6/8/12 or via the website at Classic FM.com

4.00pm Sam Pittis Classic FM favourites.
7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven With Zeb Soanes.
10.00 Calm Classics With Ritula Shah.
1.00am Bill Overton 4.00 Lucy Coward

## **Absolute Radio**

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk

Freeview 727 Freesat 724 Sky 0107 Virgin 915

**6.00am** Dave Berry **10.00** Leona Graham **1.00pm** Ben Burrell **4.00** Bush and Richie **7.00** Danielle Perry **10.00** Emil Franchi **1.00am** Dan Noble



# 4 DECEMBER MONDAY

## **BBC Radio 4**

### 92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW) Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

News 5.30am, 6.00 and hourly to 12 midnight Weather 5.56am, 6.07, 6.57, 7.57, 12.57pm, 5.57, 9.59, 12.30am **Shipping Forecasts** 5.20am, 12.01pm (*LW*), 5.54pm (*LW*), 12.48am

#### 5.30am News Briefing

**5.43 Prayer for the Day** A reflection and prayer with the Very Rev Dr David Bruce.

5.45 Farming Today Ruralissues.

**5.58 Tweet of the Day** The oilbird with Michael Palin. (R)

## **6.00 Today**

Presented by Mishal Husain and Justin Webb.

## **6.25, 7.25, 8.25** Sports News

**7.48** Thought for the Day With the Rt Rev Philip North, the Bishop of Blackburn.

## 9.00 Start the Week

Playing Games. Mathematicians Marcus du Sautoy and Greg Karber, historian Anthony Bale and academic Jane Draycott explore playing games with Tom Sutcliffe.
Producer Katy Hickman Shortened repeat 9.30pm

#### 9.45 FM Book of the Week: The Years

1/5. Annie Ernaux's "collective autobiography" of the years between 1941 to 2006, told through the lens of memory, impressions past and present, cultural habits, language, photos, books, songs, radio, television, advertising and news headlines. Translated by Alison L Strayer, read by Sian Thomas, and abridged by Jill Waters with Mark Kilfoyle. Producer Jill Waters Repeated 12.30am

#### 9.45 LW Daily Service

Led by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell. Luke 1, vv67-79. Come Thou Long Expected Jesus, sung by St Michael's Singers; Nunc dimittis (Dyson in D), sung by Merton College Choir; Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness, sung by the congregation of St Martin-in-the-Fields.

#### 10.00 Woman's Hour

Presented by Emma Barnett. Editor Karen Dalziel

## 11.00 Fed with Chris van Tulleken

6/8. The Fast Food Trap. Chris examines the role of chickens in the fast food industry, and why even ethical and environmentally aware consumers tend to give the industry a free pass, even while expecting high standards in other food purchases. He discovers just how bad fast food can be for both people and the planet, and why many feel powerless to resist it. Producers Lucy Taylor and Emily Knight

## 11.30 Analysis

2/5. How Can We Grow the UK Economy? Many of us are still worse off than we were five years ago. That's because economic growth has been so feeble. Paul Johnson of the Institute for Fiscal Studies asks what the Government can do to get the economy growing again. Producer Farhana Haider; Editor Claire Fordham (R)

6.00am Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs

## 12.04pm You and Yours

Consumer affairs and public interest stories.

#### 1.00 The World at One

Analysis of news and current affairs, presented by Sarah Montague.

#### 1.45 Empire of Tea

New series. 1/10. Cosy with a Kick Sathnam Sanghera tells the story of the imperial past of tea, discovering how it went from being an exotic product for the wealthy to Britain's national drink. See choice, page 111. Producer Paul Martin

## 2.00 The Archers

Repeated from yesterday 7pm

2.15 Drama: Faith, Hope and Glory New series. 1/3. Hope. By Roy Williams. The long-running historical drama reaches 1978, where Hope is struggling with both life in a society in which she feels unwelcome and also at home, now all her children have flown the nest. Not even the planning for her first grandson's christening interests her. Can a voice from her distant past jolt the usually ebullient Hope out of her despair? Continues tomorrow 2.15pm. For cast and details see Wednesday

#### 3.00 Brain of Britain

17/17. Russell Davies hosts the grand final of the nationwide general knowledge contest, with contestants from Surrey, Cambridge, Hertfordshire and Essex. Producer Paul Bajoria Repeated Saturday 11pm

## 3.30 The Food Programme

Repeated from yesterday 12.30pr

## 4.00 The Infinite Monkey Cage

#### 4.30 Across the Divide

3/3. Families from the many sides of the Gaza/ Israeli dispute share and reflect on their own personal histories and day-to-day existence.

#### 5.00 PM

A round-up of the news headlines, analysis and reports, presented by Evan Davis.

## 6.00 Six o'Clock News

6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue

4/6. Pippa Evans, Andy Hamilton, Tony Hawks and the Rev Richard Coles are the panellists in this recording from the De Montfort Hall in Leicester, with Jack Dee in the chair. Producer Jon Naismith Repeated Sunday 12.04pm

## 7.00 The Archers

Justin goes too far, and Clarrie reaches the end of her tether. For cast see Friday Repeated tomorrow 2pm

#### 7.15 Front Row

Director Hugh Welchman (Loving Vincent) discusses using painted animation techniques to create his visually arresting new film, *The Peasants*, and Nick Ahad hears about the creative process behind creating an outstanding Christmas advert. Producer Eliane Glaser

4.00 Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs

## BBC Radio 4 Extra

#### DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910

6.30 Three Act Tragedy as 4.30pm 7.00 The Offing By Benjamin Myers (6/10)
7.15 The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend
Swedish author Katarina Bivald's 2013 debut (1/5) 7.30 Alexei Sayle's Imaginary Sandwich Bar 8.00 Steptoe and Son 1971 sitcom 9.00 The Write Stuff Literary quiz (6/6)
9.30 Ring around the Bath 2004 sitcom (4/6)
10.00 The Life and Loves of a She-Devil as 3pm 11.00 Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs Arthur Conan Doyle's *The Crooked Man* **11.30 Three Act Tragedy** as 4.30pm 12.00 The Offing By Benjamin Myers (6/10) 12.15pm The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend Debut novel by Katarina Bivald (1/5)
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Dramatisation of the 1983 feminist revenge novel by Fay Weldon (1931–2023). With Barnaby Kay, Lyndsey Marshal, Rosie Cavaliero and others. From 2016 (1/2) **4.30 Three Act Tragedy** Dramatisation by Michael Bakewell of Agatha Christie's 1934 mystery novel (aka *Murder in Three Acts*), starring John Moffat as Hercule Poirot. From 2002 (1/5) **5.00 The Offing** By Benjamin Myers (6/10) **5.15 The Readers of Broken Wheel** Recommend Debut novel by Katarina Bivald (1/5)
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5.00 The Life and Loves of a She-Devil (2/2)

## 8.00 South Africa: the Children of

New series. 1/3. Things Must

Change. Three decades after the transition from apartheid to a democratic South Africa, former BBC South Africa correspondent Fergal Keane returns to see what happened to the hopes and promises of a better nation. Joined by former colleague Milton Nkosi, Keane returns to Tembisa, a township on the edges of Johannesburg, searching for Cynthia who they first met one winter's morning in 1993, huddling with her children under plastic sheeting. Producer John Murphy Repeated Wednesday 11am on Radio 4 and 11.30pm BBC World Service

## Fergal Keane's viewpoint: page 11

## 8.30 Crossing Continents

2/10. Poland's Forest Frontier. A report from Poland's frontier with Belarus, where the Polish government has built a 186kmlong, five-metres-high steel border wall that's meant to stop global migrants from crossing from the Belarusian side. The wall cuts straight through the Bialowieza forest – the largest remaining stretch of primeval forest in Éurope, and a Únesco World Heritage Site. Polish academic and journalist Grzegorz Sokol hears the points of view of biologists. migrants, activists and locals. Repeated from Thursday

#### 9.00 Seven Deadly Psychologies

2/7. Greed. Becky Ripley and Sophie Ward delve into the psychology behind greed with the help of experimental psychologist Dr Anna Machin, psychologist and social scientist Professor Paul Piff, economist Aveisha Thomas-Smith and Sir David Attenborough, Repeated from Tuesday

#### 9.30 Start the Week Shortened rpt from 9am 10.00 The World Tonight

Presented by James Coomarasamy.

## 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Miss Buncle's

6/10. By DE Stevenson. The novel stirs the residents of Silverstream into action beginning with its author. Read by Madeleine Worrall and abridged by Clara Glynn. Producer Eilidh McCreadie

## 11.00 Don't Log Off

**2/4. Global Village.** Alan Dein connects with Lisa ,who moved from Perth, Australia, to Christmas Island, Yury who has switched Russia for Switzerland, and Marion from Uganda, who has left her home, husband and job in the city for an idyllic life on a farmstead in the country. Producer Emma Betteridge

## 11.30 Today in Parliament 12.00 News and Weather 12.30-12.45am Book of the Week:

The Years Repeated from 9.45am (FM only) 1.00 as BBC World Service

## C World Service

## DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview\* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906

Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin 5.00am Newsday 8.00 News 8.05 Hardtalk 8.30 Business Daily 8.50 Witness History 9.00 The Newsroom 9.30 Crowd Science 10.00 News 10.05 The History Hour 11.00 The Newsroom **11.30** The Conversation: Kim Chakanetsa speaks to paramedics Randi Simensen from Norway and Michelle Murphy from Australia 12.00 News 12.05pm Outlook 12.50 Witness History: film director Mathieu Kassovitz discusses his cult cinema classic La Haine 1.00 The Newsroom 1.30 Crowd Science **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Hardtalk **3.30** World Business Report **4.00** BBC OS **6.00** News **6.05** Outlook **6.50** Witness History **7.00** The Newsroom **7.30** Sport Today **8.05** From Our Own Correspondent **8.30** Discovery: Tooth and Claw: Adam Hart finds out the truth about the piranha (3/4) **9.00** Newshour 10.00 The Newsroom 10.20 Sports News 10.30 World Business Report 11.00 News 11.05 Hardtalk 11.30 The Conversation 12.00 News 12.05am The History Hour 1.00 News 1.05 Business Matters 2.00 The Newsroom 2.30 The Documentary: Sweden – Living with Guns and Gangs **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.50** Witness

History 4.00 The Newsroom 4.30 In the Studio

## BBC Radio 5 Live

## 693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905 Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

**News** and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

## 5.00am Wake Up to Money

Financial news, reports and analysis, with input by movers and shakers, business leaders and big bosses.

## 6.00 5 Live Breakfast

Rachel Burden and Rick Edwards with the latest news and sport.

**9.00 Nicky Campbell**Discussion of topical and cultural issues with the chance for listeners to phone in throughout the programme. Simulcast with BBC2 until 10am

**11.00 Naga Munchetty** With the latest news, big-name interviews from around the UK and listeners' personal experiences.

#### 1.00pm Nihal Arthanayake News and topical conversation including big-name interviews.

## 4.00 5 Live Drive

Tony Livesey and Clare McDonnell with the latest news and sport.

#### 7.00 5 Live Sport

Mark Chapman with sports news, debate and features, including at 7.00 The Monday Night Club, in which he's joined by Micah Richards, Chris Sutton, Dan Burn and Rory Smith to discuss the weekend's feathful and more services. weekend's football and more.

**10.00 Colin Murray**Topical discussion. Plus regular features, including at 12.00 Monday Night Fan Club, with experts discussing in depth a favourite hobby or interest declared by a listener, who also features.

## 1.00am Dotun Adebavo

Topical and cultural discussion regarding myriad topics, with the chance for listeners to phone in.

#### Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927 6.00am Talksport Breakfast 10.00 Jim White and Simon Jordan Sporting insight 1.00pm Hawksbee and Jacobs Paul Hawksbee and Andy Jacobs with sports news, quests and more. 4.00 Talksport Drive Andy Goldstein and Darren Bent with opinionated sports debate. 7.00 Kick Off Sports debate. 10.00 Sports Bar Reaction, analysis and the chance for listeners to have a say on the day's sport. **1.00am Extra Time** Topical discussion, with a phone-in throughout the night. **5.00 Early Breakfast** 

97.3 FM (London area) DAB lbc.co.uk **F'view** 732 **F'sat** 734 **Sky** 0123 **Virgin** 919 **7.00am** Nick Ferrari **10.00** James O'Brien **1.00pm** Shelagh Fogarty 4.00 Tom Swarbrick
6.00 Andrew Marr 7.00 lain Dale
10.00 Ben Kentish 1.00am Richard Spurr 4.00 Ian Payne

## Times Radio

## DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

5.00am Rosie Wright 6.00 Aasmah Mir and Stig Abell **10.00** Matt Chorley **1.00pm** Mariella Frostrup **3.00** Jane Garvey and Fi Glover **5.00** John Pienaar: analysis of the day's news. including the daily opinion interview **7.00**Pienaar and Friends: informed debate 8.00 Kait Borsay 10.00 Carole Walker: today's headlines and tomorrow's front pages

1.00am Stories of Our Times 1.30 Red Box 2.00 Highlights

\*Not available on Freeview in Scotland 4pm-1am. **Key** (R) Repeat

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# TUESDAY Radio

## **TODAY'S CHOICES**



## **Doctor, Doctor**

3.30pm Radio 4

It is a compliment to say that Dr Phil Hammond's new series has a touch of Jim Al-Khalili's The Life Scientific about it. Hammond interviews a variety of medical professionals, not just about their work but the impact it has had on their personal lives, starting with Clare Gerada - GP in an inner-London surgery by day but also a Dame for her services to general practice, a Fellow of the Royal College of General Practitioners and the Royal College of Physicians, and an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. For all the acknowledgements under her stethoscope, Gerada remains pragmatic about her work and has seen over 250,000 patients in her career. She and Hammond concur that while kindness cannot cure cancer, it goes a long way towards an effective trip to the doctors. ANNA JONES

#### People Fixing the World

8.05am/3.05pm/11.05pm **BBC World Service** 

Another report from Borneo, where conservationists are using all their resourcefulness to save one of the world's oldest rainforests. Earlier this year we heard how fragments of surviving rainforest in Malaysian Borneo were joined together to provide safe passage for endangered species. This new report is from Indonesian Borneo where, ten years ago, a conservation charity offered to build a health centre for local communities, on condition that they stop chopping down trees to sell for timber. Could what is in effect ethical blackmail work? This documentary visits Borneo to discover whether saving our planet requires not shock tactics but a more cunning way

of thinking. DAVID MCGILLIVRAY

## BBC Radio 1

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view\* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 7.00am Greg James 10.30 Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **1.00pm** Dean and Vicky **3.30** Vick and Jordan **6.00** Future Sounds **8.00** Future Artists **10.00** Power Down Playlist **11.00** Annie Nightingale **1.00am** Drum 'n' Bass Mix **2.00** Workout Anthems **3.00** Guide to Big Weekend 4.00 Dance 5.00 Arielle Free

## **BBC Radio 2**

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view\* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902 6.30am Zoe Ball

Chat, music, texts and phone calls. and guests, today with TV fitness expertJoe Wicks ("the Body Coach") discussing his new book.

#### 9.30 Vernon Kay 12.00 Jeremy Vine

News, human interest stories and topical discussion, with a phone-in. Plus new music and hip pop oldies.

2.00pm Scott Mills 4.00 Sara Cox 7.00 Jo Whilev 9.00 The Jazz Show with **Jamie Cullum** 10.00 Trevor Nelson's **Rhythm Nation** 12.00 OJ Borg

Including Midnight Mastermind in which listeners challenge OJ in a subject - and the Midnight Caller. **3.00am Pick of the Pops 2/2.** Steve Wright with the chart from this week in 1998, when the Top 20 included All Saints, Madonna and Vonda Shepard. (R) 4.00 Owain Wyn Evans

## **BBC 6 Music**

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music

Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909 7.30am Lauren Laverne 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00pm Craig Charles With Daniel Rachel, author of Too Much Too Young: the 2 Tone Records Story.

4.00 Huw Stephens 7.00 New Music Fix Daily Featuring a live session from composer and drummer Cameron Graham.

9.00 6 Music Artist in Residence 2/8. Further picks from rapper and DJ Shvgirl (Blane Muise), who co-founded the record label and collective Nuxxe. All episodes available on BBC Sounds after broadcast **10.00 Riley and Coe** Marc Riley solo.

2.00 6 Music's Rave Forever 1.00 a Music programme
2.00 The First Time...
Matt Everitt's 2015 chat with Kevin
Rowland, followed by his 2010 chat

with Alison Goldfrapp and Will Gregory. **3.00 Live Hour** Hardin and York in 1972 at the BBC's Paris Theatre, plus sessions by the Fabulous Poodles (ir 1980) and Statebroadcasters (in 2010) 4.00 The 6 Music Playlist 5.00 Chris Hawkins

#### **Greatest Hits**

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk

F'view 716 Sky 0151 Regional variations on FM/MW 6.00am Rossie 10.00 Ken Bruce 1.00pm Debbie Mac 4.00 Simon Mayo 7.00 Jackie Brambles 10.00 Andy Crane 1.00am Music Marathon **4.00** Alex Lester

## **Boom Radio**

DAB boomradio.co.uk

6.00am Andy Marriott 7.30 Graham Dene 10.00 David Lloyd 12.00 David Hamilton 2.00pm Roger Day 4.00 Nicky Horne 6.00 Jane Markham 8.00 Easy Hour 9.00 David Hamilton 10.00 Diana Luke 12.00 Derek Webster 2.00am Through the Night

## **BBC Radio 3**

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3

Freeview\* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903 News and weather as Monday

6.30am Breakfast With Petroc Trelawny.

9.00 Essential Classics

Georgia Mann with music and features, including at 10.10 Song of the Day and at 11.30 Slow Moment.

12.00 Composer of the Week: A Medieval Christmas

2/5. Daniel and the Feast of Fools. Donald Macleod and guest William Lyons look at how churches in the Middle Ages used theatre to press home their Christmas messages. And they explore the much misunderstood church festival, the Feast of Fools

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Orientis partibus Coro Easo, Ensemble Discantus, director Brigitte Lesne

Ludus Danielis (excerpts)

Dufay Collective, director William Lyons Hec est Clara dies

Ensemble Obsidienne, director Emmanuel Bonnardot Procedenti puero

Ensemble Discantus, director Brigitte Lesne Pérotin Salvatoris hodie Diabolus in Musica

Anon Ludus Danielis (excerpts) Dufay Collective, director William Lyons

1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert

John Toal presents the first of four programmes featuring pianist (and former BBC Radio 3 New Generation Artist) Elisabeth Brauss and friends, covering two concerts recorded in October at St Mark's Church, Dundela, as part of the Belfast International Arts Festival. Today she's joined by current New Generation Artists the Chaos Quartet. The rest of the concert is broadcast on Thursday. Schumann Piano Quintet in E Flat, Op 44

Mozart String Quartet No 1 in G, K80

2.00 Afternoon Concert With Ian Skelly. Parry Bridal March (The Birds)

BBC NOW, conductor Neeme Jarvi Schubert Entr'acte No 3 (Rosamunde) Swedish Chamber Orchestra, conductor Thomas Dausgaard

Giordani Caro mio bem Cecilia Bartoli (mezzo), Gyorgy Fischer (piano) Brahms Academic Festival Overture BBC NOW, conductor Grant Llewellyn Saint-Saëns Clarinet Sonata in E flat Annelien Van Wauwe, Simon Lepper (piano) **Jonathan Bates** *Mirror of the Heart* 

Wallberg Band, conductor Ivan Meylemans **3.00 Sibelius** Symphony No 5 BBC National Orchestra of Wales, conductor Ryan Bancroft Valentin Silvestrov Bagatelle No 3

Hélène Grimaud (piano)

Mozart Oboe Concerto in C Steven Hudson, BBC NOW, conductor Anthony Hermus **Peter Graham** Angels and Demons Wallberg Band, conductor Ivan Meylemans

Dvorak Silent Woods Jean-Guihen Queyras (cello), BBCSO, conductor, Jiri Belohlavek

Coleridge-Taylor The Phantom Tells his Tale of Longing (Forest Scenes) Waka Hasegawa (piano) **Khachaturian** Violin Concerto (3rd mvt) Rachel Barton Pine, Royal Scottish National Orchestra, conductor Teddy Abrams

## Scala Radio

DAB scalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Charles Nove Music, a light look at the newspapers and features including **Questions of the Day** and, from **9.00**, **Screen Time**, featuring an hour of music from films, TV shows, adverts and video games. **10.00 Penny Smith** Including at **11.30** a guest from the world of arts and culture. Plus requests from **12.00**.

1.00pm Sam Hughes 4.00 Richard Allinson With Classical Bangers. **7.00 Mark Forrest** Including new classical releases and at **8.00** the **Peaceful Piano** playlist.

10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music. 1.00am Night Music 5.00 In the Park

## Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork

F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am Chill 7.00 Nikita Kanda 10.00 Certified 11.00 Kan D Man 2.00pm Certified Throwbacks 3.00 Ankur Desai **6.00** Bobby Friction **8.00** BBC Introducing 10.00 All Star Anthems 11.00 Asian Network Celebrates 12.00 Ankur Desai 1.00am Bobby Friction 3.00 DJ Limelight 5.00 Asian Network News Presents

#### **5.00 In Tune**

Katie Derham with music and studio guests, today featuring French pianist Sofiane Pamart - a classical artist who has collaborated with French rappers and who currently is performing a run of solo shows in London – and, playing live, violinist Johan Dalene and pianist Nicola Eimer.

#### 7.00 Classical Mixtape An inspired playlist. 7.30 Radio 3 in Concert

In a concert from 23 November at the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester, Mark Elder conducts the Hallé and soloists in 19th-century works by Beethoven and Rossini. Presented by Miriam Skinner. Masabane Cecilia Rangwanasha (soprano), Claudia Huckle (contralto), Enea Scala (tenor), William Thomas (bass), Hallé Choir and Orchestra, conductor Mark Elder

Beethoven Symphony No 2 in D Rossini Stabat Mater

#### 10.00 Free Thinking

On World Soil Day, Jade Munslow Ong hears from Professor Barbara Paca, who has curated an exhibition about prolific Antiguan artist Frank Walter (the "7th Prince of the West Indies") (1926-2009) at the Garden Museum in London. She also talks to New Generation Thinker Jim Scown and Camilla Allen. student of landscape architecture and tree planting. And Jago Cooper, director of the Sainsbury Centre in Norwich, discusses its new approach to exhibitions about climate change. Producer Olive Clancy

#### 10.45 The Essay: The Enormous **Condescension of Posterity**

2/5. EP Thompson spent many years as an adult education tutor among industrial communities in the West Riding of Yorkshire. When *The Making of* the English Working Class was published in 1963, he dedicated it to his students. In this essay, historian and biographer Geoff Andrews recalls his own experiences of adult education in the 1980s and explores the ways in which these democratic classroom encounters may have provided an opportunity for Thompson to learn as well as teach.

11.00 Night Tracks With Sara Mohr-Pietsch.

12.30am Through the Night With Jonathan Swain. Poulenc Clarinet Sonata Saint-Saëns Le carnaval des animaux Poulenc Flute Sonata Albert Guinovart Le cortège des animaux Paul Meyer (clarinet), Magali Mosnier (flute), Patricia Cordero, Maria Tio and Agnès Mauri (violins), Ferran Bardolet (cello), Jorge Toledo (double bass), Eric le Sage and Bardolet (Cello), Jorge Toledo (double bass), Eric le sage and Albert Guinovart (pianos), Ferran Carceller (percussion) 1.56 Mendelssohn Symphony No 5 in D (Reformation) 2.31 La Rue Missa Sancto Job 3.06 Vierne Cello Sonata in B minor, Op 27 3.29 Beethoven Overture: Egmont 3.38 Czerny Marcia funebre sulla morte di Luigi van Beethoven, Op 146 **3.47 Parac** Andante amoroso **3.53 Sor** Introduction and Variations on Mozart's O cara armonia, Op 9

4.02 Sibelius Lemminkainen's Return (Lemminkainen Suite) 4.09 Saint-Saëns, arr Ysaÿe Caprice d'après l'Etude en forme de valse 4.18 Schubert Die Götter Griechenlands, D677b **4.23 Corelli** Trio Sonata in C minor, Op 1 No 8 **4.31 Dvorak** Furiant in G minor, Op 46 No 8; Polka in A flat, Op 46 No 3 **4.39 D Scarlatti** Keyboard Sonatas: in D minor, Kk41; in D minor, Kk18 **4.48 Ramovs** Wind Quintet **4.57** Tallis Suscipe, quaeso Domine 5.06 Handel Sonata in A, HWV361 (transposed to B flat, for trumpet and organ) 5.16 Ambrosius Suite 5.23 Mozart Piano Concerto No 12 in A, K414 **5.48 Coleridge-Taylor** Four African Dances, Op 58 **6.07 Strauss** Suite: Der Rosenkavalier

## Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Skv 0106 Virgin 922

6.00am More Music Breakfast With Tim Lihoreau **9.00 Alexander Armstrong** Classical hits, starting with the **Classic Hall of Fame Hour**, featuring favourite pieces voted into the current Classic FM Top 300. At **10.15 Album of the Week**.

12.00 Anne-Marie Minhall Including at 12.00 Classic FM Requests - with listeners phoning in.

4.00pm Sam Pittis Classic FM favourites. 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven

Zeb Soanes with three hours of potentially calming classical music to help listeners relax and recharge, including at 9.00 the Great Escape.

10.00 Calm Classics Ritula Shah with soothing music. 1.00am Bill Overton 4.00 Lucy Coward

## **Absolute Radio**

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk

Freeview 727 Freesat 724 Sky 0107 Virgin 915

6.00am Dave Berry 10.00 Leona Graham 1.00pm Ben Burrell **4.00** Bush and Richie **7.00** Danielle Perry **10.00** Emil Franchi **1.00am** Dan Noble



## **5 DECEMBER TUESDAY**

## **BBC Radio 4**

#### 92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4 Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW)

Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

News, weather and shipping forecasts as yesterday; no weather at 5.56am

#### 5.30am News Briefing

**5.43 Prayer for the Day** A reflection and prayer with the Very Rev Dr David Bruce. 5.45 Farming Today Rural developments

**5.58 Tweet of the Day** Chris Baines defends the bullfinch's feeding habits. (R)

## 6.00 Today

Presented by Mishal Husain and Justin Webb. **6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News** 

6.45 Yesterday in Parliament **7.48** Thought for the Day With the Rev Dr Isabelle Hamley.

8.31 LW Yesterday in Parliament

#### 9.00 The Life Scientific

6/8. Professor Sir Harry Bhadeshia tells Jim Al-Khalili about his career in metallurgy, creating the super steel that forms the tracks for the Channel Tunnel, and his enduring fascination with the unique choreography of crystalline structures.
Producer Lucy Taylor Repeated 9.30pm

#### 9.30 One to One

6/8. In the third of three episodes in which author Nathan Filer discusses how to talk to his children about pornography, he speaks with sex and relationships educator Justin Hancock, Producer Sally Heaven

#### 9.45 FM Book of the Week: The Years

2/5. Today in Annie Ernaux's multifaceted autobiography, she looks at life in France in the decades following the Second World War. Read by Sian Thomas. The next episode is at 12.30am tomorrow.

For details see yesterday Repeated 12.30am

#### 9.45 LW Daily Service

Led by Jay Hulme. John 3, vv16–21. A Tender Shoot, sung by King's College Choir; Ex ore innocentium, sung by Hall Grove School Choir (BBC Recording); Lead Kindly Light, sung by Aled Jones.

#### 10.00 Woman's Hour With Emma Barnett. 11.00 Seven Deadly Psychologies

3/7. Lust. Becky Ripley and Sophie Ward delve into the psychology of lust and how it is both crucial to the continuation of the human species and a form of neurochemical madness. They ask when was the "lustiest time in history and how to navigate drives alongside cultural expectations and consent. Producer Becky Ripley Repeated Monday 9pm

#### 11.30 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics

2/4. Demeter. In a performance recorded at the Hay Festival, Natalie tells the story of Demeter's fight to get justice for her daughter, Persephone, after Zeus and Gaia abducted her and forced her to live as Hades's wife. Producer Mary Ward-Lowery

#### 12.04pm Call You and Yours

Consumer affairs with Winifred Robinson. PHONE: 0370 010 0444 (Lines open from 10am) EMAIL: vouandvours@bbc.co.uk

## 1.00 The World at One

Presented by Sarah Montague.

**1.45 Empire of Tea 2/10. Tea at Work.** Sathnam Sanghera explores the history of the tea break with the help from staff at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital. Peter Turnbull of Bristol University analyses how the right to a tea break became a source of tension in industrial relations.

## 2.00 The Archers Rotd from vesterday 7pm

## 2.15 Drama: Faith, Hope and Glory

2/3. Gloria. By Rex Obano. In 1978, Gloria, now a respected headmistress, decides to step up and challenge an unfair education system. She gets a visit from her daughter, Joy, who brings news that threatens to jeopardise their relationship and her plans to be a councillor. Continues tomorrow 2.15pm. Cast on Wednesday

## 3.00 The Kitchen Cabinet

## 3.30 Doctor, Doctor

New series. 1/8. Dr Phil Hammond dissects the lives and careers of medical professionals at all levels of the health service including surgeons, intensive care nurses, NHS executives, junior doctors and psychiatrists. His first guest is Dame Clare Gerada, President of the Royal College of General Practitioners, an inner London GP and a specialist in addiction. Producer David Morley

## 4.00 The Green Backlash

Anna Holligan investigates the repercussions of the EU's Green Deal, which appears to have led to an increased popularity for anti-green political parties across Europe. She travels to Bremen, Germany, where concern over the phasing out of gas and oil boilers for houses has led to the government slowing down the pace of change and the city's Green Party vote fell by almost half in recent local elections. In the Netherlands, Anna speaks to dairy farmers who fear government green targets will endanger a sector that makes the country the world's second biggest exporter of food. Producer Bob Howard

#### 4.30 Great Lives

New series. 1/8. Film editor and sound designer Walter Murch (Apocalypse Now, The Godfather) joins Matthew Parris to discuss the life and work of the former prime minister of Iran, Mohammad Mossadegh, who was ousted in a coup in 1953. Murch, became fascinated in Mossadegh's life while working on a Sam Mendes film about the first Iraq War. Producer Miles Warde Repeated Thursday 11.30am

**3.00 The Life and Loves of a She-Devil** (2/2) **4.00 Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs** Dramatisation by Michael Hardwick of Arthur

5.00 PM Presented by Evan Davis.

6.00 Six o'Clock News

## **BBC Radio 4 Extra**

#### DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910 6.00am Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs

6.30 Three Act Tragedy By/Agatha Christie (2/5)
7.00 The Offing Coming-of-age tale (7/10)
7.15 The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend
7.30 For the Love of Leo as 12.30pm

**8.00 The Goon Show** Vintage 1954 comedy **8.35 King Street Junior** School sitcom (5/6) **9.00 The Motion Show** Comedy debate show (1/6) **9.30 Winston** as 2.30pm

10.00 The Life and Loves of a She-Devil as 3pm 11.00 Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs
11.30 Three Act Tragedy ByAgatha Christie (2/5)
12.00 The Offing Coming-of-age tale (7/10)
12.15pm The Readers of Broken Wheel

Recommend as 5.15pm

12.30 For the Love of Leo Mark Bonnar stars in Michael Chaplin's comedy about a widowed manturned-eligible bachelor. Series one. From 2018 (3/4) **1.00 The Goon Show** Vintage 1954 comedy **1.35 King Street Junior** An episode by Martin

Davies of the school sitcom created by Jim Eldridge. With Karl Howman and James Grout From 1995 (5/6) 2.00 The Motion Show Comedy debate show (1/6) **2.30 Winston** Bawdy comedy by Peter Tinniswood. With Bill Wallis, Maurice Denham, Shirley Dixon, Liz Goulding and Christian Rodska. From 1989 (1/6) Conan Doyle's 1908 tale *Wisteria Lodge*. From 1966 **4.30 Three Act Tragedy** By Agatha Christie (2/5) 5.00 The Offing Coming-of-age tale (7/10)
5.15 The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend
Dramatisation by Jeremy Raison of Swedish
author Katarina Bivald's 2013 debut novel, from 5.30 For the Love of Leo as 12.30pm
6.00 The Goon Show Vintage 1954 comedy
6.35 King Street Junior as 1.35pm 7.00 The Motion Show Comedy debate show (1/6) **7.30 Winston** as 2.30pm **8.00 TED Radio Hour** With Manoush Zomorodi 8.50 Mastertapes Benjamin Clementine answers audience questions and performs live. From 2017 (2/2) 9.20 Doctor Who: the War Doctor John Hurt stars in Phil Mulryne's A Thing of Guile (2/2)
10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: Best Medicine (9/11), at 10.30 Earls of the Court (2/6), at (9/III), at 10.30 Earls of the Court (2/6), at 10.45 Quando, Quando, Quando (2/6), at 11.00 The Absolutely Radio Show (1/4), and at 11.30 Think the Unthinkable (5/6) 12.00 as 3pm 1.00am as 4pm 1.30 as 4.30pm 2.00 as 5pm 2.15 as 5.15pm 2.30 as 12.30pm 3.00 as 6pm 3.35 as 1.35pm 4.00 as 7pm 4.00 4.30 as 7.30pm 5.00 Cutting Edge (1/3)

#### 6.30 Best Medicine

10/11. Kiri Pritchard-McLean is joined by mortician Kristoffer Hughes who puts forward the autopsy as the best medicine. Professor Olivette Otele tells the story of Henrietta Lacks and her "immortal cells", film critic Ali Plumb explains how important escapism was in his own story of recovery and Professor Anil Seth talks about light. Producer Simon Nicholls Rptd next Tue on Radio 4 Extra

## 7.00 The Archers

Lilian faces the music and Eddie waves the white flag.

For cast see Friday Repeated tomorrow 2pm

#### 7.15 Front Row

Bex Lindsay joins Tom Sucliffe for a round-up of the most exciting new children's books, and the winner of the Turner Prize is announced live on air. Producer Olivia Skini

#### 8.00 File on 4

Reporter Michael Buchanan hears from doctors with unblemished careers who were sacked for raising patient safety concerns. The programme reveals the toll felt by those the health service turns on, and the tactics and distortions used to end high-flying careers. Producer Katie Langton Repeated Sunday 5pm

#### 8.40 In Touch

News and features for blind and partially sighted listeners. Presented by Peter White. Producer Pete Wilson

#### 9.00 All in the Mind

6/8. Claudia Hammond considers whether psychologists could hold the key to tackling poverty. She also hears about the psychological highs and lows of rowing across an ocean, told by the first Austrian woman to row the Atlantic – and by the scientist who studied her all the way.
Producer Lorna Stewart Repeated tomorrow 3.30pm

#### 9.30 The Life Scientific Repeated from 9am 10.00 The World Tonight

Presented by James Coomarasamy.

## 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Miss Buncle's

**7/10.** By DE Stevenson. The villagers call a meeting to root out the secret scribe. Read by Madeleine Worrall. For details see yesterday

## 11.00 Now You're Asking with Marian **Keyes and Tara Flynn 4/10.** Marian and Tara answer listeners'

quesions and offer possibly their most controversial response to date when a listener confesses to losing the knack of brewing a good cup of tea. Available on BBC Sounds since this morning. Producer Steve Doherty

#### 11.30 Today in Parliament 12.00 News and Weather 12.30-12.45am Book of the Week:

The Years Repeated from 9.45am (FM only)

1.00 as BBC World Service

## **BBC World Service**

#### DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview\* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906

Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin 5.00am Newsday 8.00 News 8.05 CHOICE: People Fixing the World: protecting the Borneo rainforest from logging 8.30 Business Daily 8.50 Witness History 9.00 The Newsroom 9.30 The Documentary: Sweden – Living with Guns and Gangs: the rise of gun murders in Sweden **10.00** News 10.05 The Arts Hour 11.00 The Newsroom **11.30** In the Studio: Iryna Tsilyk's animation about the invasion of Kyiv **12.00** News **12.05pm** Outlook **12.50** Witness History **1.00** The Newsroom **1.30** Discovery: Tooth and Claw (2/4) **2.00** Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 CHOICE: People Fixing the World 3.30 World Business Report 4.00 BBC OS 6.00 News 6.05 Outlook 6.50 Witness History 7.00 The Newsroom 7.30 Sport Today 8.00 News **8.05** The Documentary: Sweden – Living with Guns and Gangs **8.30** Tech Life **9.00** Newshour 10.00 The Newsroom 10.20 Sports News 10.30 World Business Report 11.00 News 11.05 CHOICE: People Fixing the World 11.30 In the Studio
12.00 News 12.05am The Arts Hour 1.00 News
1.05 Business Matters 2.00 The Newsroom 2.30 The Climate Question 3.05 Outlook 3.50
Witness History 4.00 The Newsroom 4.30 The
Documentary: The Children of Paradise (1/3)

## BBC Radio 5 Live

## 693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive

F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905 Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

**News** and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

## 5.00am Wake Up to Money Financial news, reports and analysis. **6.00 5 Live Breakfast**

Rachel Burden and Rick Edwards with sport, news and weather.

## 9.00 Nicky Campbell

Topical discussions, with a phone-in. Simulcast with BBC2 until 10am

## **11.00 Naga Munchetty** With the latest news, big-name

interviews from around the UK and listeners' personal experiences. 1.00pm Nihal Arthanayake

## News and topical conversation including big-name interviews.

**4.00 5 Live Drive**Tony Livesey and Clare McDonnell

## with a news round-up and sport.

**7.00 5 Live Sport**Kelly Cates presents sports news and debate. She's joined by guests for build-up to the **8.15** commentary on Luton Town v Arsenal from Kenilworth Road in

#### the Premier League. 10.30 Colin Murray

Discussion of vital issues. Plus Big News Hour—an in-depth look at a big news story—and at 12.00 Midnight Meets, in which Colin sits down with notable guests to find out what makes them tick.

1.00am Dotun Adebayo

## **BBC 5 Sports Extra**

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

## 7.45-9.45pm Football

Commentary on Scotland v England in the Women's Nations League.

#### Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927 6.00am Talksport Breakfast 10.00 Jim White and Simon Jordan Sporting insight.

1.00pm Hawksbee and Baker
4.00 Talksport Drive Andy
Goldstein and Darren Bent with
opinionated sporting debate. **7.00 Kick Off** Sporting issues. **10.00 Sports Bar** Reaction. analysis and the chance for listeners to have a say on the day's sport. 12.00 Extra Time 5.00am Early Breakfast

## Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

7.00pm-10.00 Women's Nations League Football Scotland v England (kick-off **7.45**).

#### LBC

97.3 FM (London area) DAB lbc.co.uk F'view 732 F'sat 734 Sky 0123 Virgin 919 **7.00am** Nick Ferrari **10.00** James O'Brien **1.00pm** Shelagh Fogarty **4.00** Tom Swarbrick **6.00** Tonight with Andrew Marr **7.00** lain Dale **10.00** Ben Kentish **12.00** Ben Kentish **1.00am** Richard Spurr 4.00 Ian Payne

#### Times Radio

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

5.00am Rosie Wright 6.00 Aasmah Mir and Stig Abell **10.00** Matt Chorley **1.00pm** Mariella Matt Chorley 1.00pm Mariella Frostrup 3.00 Jane Garvey and Fi Glover 5.00 John Pienaar 7.00 Pienaar and Friends 8.00 The Evening Edition with Kait Borsay 10.00 Carole Walker 1.00am Stories of Our Times 1.30 Red Box 2.00 Highlights

\*Not available on Freeview in Scotland 4pm-1am. **Key** (R) Repeat

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# WEDNESDAY Radio

## **TODAY'S CHOICES**



## Radio 3 in Concert

7.30pm **Radio 3** A veritable human dynamo on the podium, the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra's Lithuanian-born former music director turned principal guest conductor, Mirga Grazinyte-Tyla (above), celebrates her latest appointment as the orchestra's associate artist with a personal choice of Eastern European favourites under the teasing title "From Mirga with Love". Ranging from a romantic forest idyll by the visionary Lithuanian composer-painter Ciurlionis to the jazzy syncopations of the Georgian composer-conductor Vakhtang Kakhidze's 1996 viola and piano concerto Brotherhood, via the violin-led Requiem for Ukraine composed by his fellow Georgian Igor Loboda in the wake of Russia's annexation of Crimea, the programme also features two relative rarities by Moishe Weinberg, the Polishborn Soviet Jewish composer, and friend of Shostakovich, whose works Grazinyte-Tyla has done so much to champion.

## MARK PAPPENHEIM Nora Meadows's

Week of Wellness 11.15pm **Radio 4** 

Together with writers Will Farrell and Ben Rowse, multi-talented Katy Wix has created a new character: over-confident and incompetent "wellness guru" Nora. We sit in on the therapy sessions that probably left her hapless clients in need of therapy. The semi-improvised (and very adult) sketch show utilises a rep company of mostly young talent: they include Alexander Owen (half of The Pin) and Lorna Rose Treen, a triumph at this year's Edinburah Fringe. The first episode also includes a visit to a fetishistic acupuncturist. I am unshockable. But my evebrows raised a little. DAVID McGILLIVRAY

## **BBC Radio 1**

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view\* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 7.00am Greg James 10.30 Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **1.00pm** Dean and Vicky **3.30** Vick and Jordan **6.00** Future Sounds **8.00** Future Artists 10.00 Power Down Playlist 11.00 Benji B 1.00am Classic Essential Mix 3.00 Radio 1's Live Lounge 4.00 Dance **5.00** Arielle Free

## **BBC Radio 2**

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view\* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.30am Zoe Ball Guest Monty Don discusses his new gardening book.

9.30 Vernon Kay 12.00 Jeremy Vine 2.00pm Scott Mills 4.00 Sara Cox 7.00 Jo Whiley 9.00 The Folk Show with Mark Radcliffe

Broadcast from Salford, an eclectic playlist of folk and acoustic music, tonight with carols and seasonal songs inspired by Christmas customs and scenes of town and country.

10.00 Rhythm Nation

DJ Spoony sits in for Trevor Nelson. Including at 10.00 the Magnificent 7 - a nostálgic half-hour of throwbacks.

12.00 OJ Borg 3.00am Dance Sounds of the 90s with Vernon Kay 4.00 Owain Wyn Evans

## **BBC 6 Music**

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music

Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909 7.30am Lauren Laverne

10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00pm Craig Charles US duo Sleater v discuss their new album.

4.00 Huw Stephens 7.00 New Music Fix Daily 9.00 6 Music Artist in Residence 3/8. Further music picks by Shygirl.

10.00 Riley and Coe
12.00 Freak Zone Playlist
Music picks chosen by left-field and experimental musicians and DJs.

1.00am John Lennon at the BBC Ahead of Friday's anniversay of the death of John Lennon, a chance to hear a 2020 programme with Liza Tarbuck exploring the BBC's archive, from his explosive 1969 interview with veteran New York Times war correspondent Gloria Emerson to his and Yoko Ono's 1971 appearance on *Parkinson*. **2.00 Nashville Cats: the Making of** 

Blonde on Blonde A 2011 programme with actor Bill Nighy presenting the tory of what went down on tape, and in the studio, during the recording of Bob Dylan's 1966 double album. 3.00 Live Hour The Divine Comedy in 2007 at Summer Sundae, plus North Sea Radio Orchestra (in 2007) and Help Stamp Out Loneliness (in 2009). **4.00 Jukebox 5.00 Chris Hawkins** 

#### **Greatest Hits**

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk

F'view 716 Sky 0151 Regional variations on FM/MW 6.00am Rossie 10.00 Ken Bruce 1.00pm Debbie Mac 4.00 Simon Mayo 7.00 Jackie Brambles 10.00 Andy Crane 1.00am Music Marathon **4.00** Alex Lester

## **Boom Radio**

DAB boomradio.co.uk

6.00am Andy Marriott 7.30 Graham Dene 10.00 David Lloyd 12.00 David Hamilton 2.00pm Roger Day 4.00 Nicky Horne 6.00 Jane Markham **8.00** The Easy Hour **9.00** More Music **10.00** Diana Luke **12.00** Night Ride 2.00am Through the Night

## **BBC Radio 3**

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3

Freeview\* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903 News and weather as Monday

6.30am Breakfast With Petroc Trelawny. 9.00 Essential Classics With Georgia Mann.

12.00 Composer of the Week: A Medieval Christmas

3/5. Christmas at Notre-Dame. The Gothic cathedral of Notre-Dame first rose above the streets of Paris during the 12th and 13th centuries, and the composers employed there were at the cutting edge of medieval musical thought. Today, Donald Macleod and William Lyons introduce sacred Christmas music from medieval Notre-Dame and discuss what makes it so extraordinary.

Pérotin Dum sigillum summi Patris Ensemble Anonymus, director Claude Bernatchez Viderunt omnes

Hilliard Ensemble, director Paul Hillier **Anon** Hodie Christus natus est; Viderunt Emmanuel; Lux hodie, lux leticie Coro Easo, Ensemble Discantus, director Brigitte Lesne

**Anon** Psallat chorus; Eximie pater et regie; Aptatur Descendit de caelis; In natali Domini Ensemble Anonymus, director Claude Bernatchez. Anon Isaias cecinit

**Pérotin** Sederunt principes Hilliard Ensemble, director Paul Hillier

1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert

John Toal continues a spotlight on German pianist Elisabeth Brauss in performances from the Belfast International Arts Festival. Here she's joined by Frankfurt-born cellist (and former New Generation Artist) Leonard Elschenbroich in a recital from 24 October, the second of which can be heard on Friday. Schubert Piano Sonata in A, D664 Franck Cello Sonata A

#### 2.00 Afternoon Concert

With Ian Skelly, including continued spotlights on the BBC National Orchestra of Wales – with a performance of Prokofiev's sprightly First Symphony given in Hoddinott Hall in Cardiff in June - and Swiss brass ensemble the Wallberg Band

Berlioz Overture: Béatrice et Bénédict BBC NOW, conductor Ryan Bancroft

Ravel Daphnis et Chloé: Suite No 2 Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor Yannick Nezet-Segui

**Mozart** Horn Concerto No 2 in E fla,t K417 Felix Klieser, Camerata Salzburg 3.00 Prokofiev Symphony No 1 (Classical) BBC NOW, conductor Maxim Rysanov

**Debussy** Nocturnes Radio France Philharmonic Chorus and Orchestra, conductor Mikko Franck

**4.00 Choral Evensong** Choral Vespers from the Church of Our Lady of Victories, featuring the Schola Cantorum of Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School. Recorded on 30 November, Introit: O Radiant Dawn (James MacMillan): Hymn: Conditor alme siderum (Plainsong); Psalm 26 (Plainsong); Canticle: Colossians 1, vv12 Magnificat Secundi Toni (Valls); Motet: Laetentur

## Scala Radio

DAB scalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Charles Nove Music, a light look at the newspapers and features including **Questions of the Day** and, from **9.00**, **Screen Time**, featuring an hour of music from films, TV shows, adverts and video games.

10.00 Penny Smith At 11.30 the weekly classical **Scala Sessions**, today with singer and actor Marisha Wallace (*Waitress*, *Hairspray*, *Oklahoma!*) performing her new Christmas single, Little House in the Snow.

1.00pm Sam Hughes Popular classical works. 4.00 Richard Allinson Including at 5.30 Classical Bangers and Screen Time at Six. 7.00 Mark Forrest At 8.00 the Peaceful Piano playlist. 10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music. 1.00am Night Music 5.00 In the Park

## **Asian Network**

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork

F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am R&B Anthems 7.00 Nikita Kanda 10.00 Certified 11.00 Kan D Man 2.00pm Throwbacks 3.00 Ankur Desai 6.00 Bobby Friction 8.00 Limelight and Kan D Man 10.00 Club Hit Squad Mix 11.00 Motivation 12.00 Asian Network News Presents 1.00am Dipps Bhamrah 3.00 DJ Nish 5.00 Everyday Hustle

coeli (Byrd); Antiphon: Alma redemptoris mater a8 (Victoria); Voluntary: Prelude in C minor, BWV546 (Bach). Organist lestyn Evans. Director of music Scott Price. Repeated Sunday 3pm

#### 5.00 In Tune

Katie Derham invites Macedonian pianist Simon Trpceski to discuss his new recording of Brahms's First and Second Piano Concertos, which he performs with the LSO at the Barbican on Thursday and Sunday, respectively. Plus festive live music from medieval specialists the Telling.

#### 7.00 Classical Mixtape 7.30 Radio 3 in Concert

Live from Symphony Hall in Birmingham, Mirga Grazinyte-Tyla conducts the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in a very personal tour of Eastern Europe, from Georgia to the Baltic. Presented by Elizabeth Alker. Eugene Tzikindelean (violin), Oliver Janes (clarinet), Marie-Christine Zupancic (flute), Adam Römer (viola), Onute Grazinyte (piano), CBSO, conductor Mirga Grazinyte-Tyla Ciurlionis Miske (In the Forest)

Weinberg Clarinet Concerto

**Igor Loboda** Requiem for Ukraine Weinberg 12 Miniatures for flute and orchestra Vakhtang Kakhidze Bruderschaft (Brotherhood)

#### 10.00 Free Thinking

Chris Harding marks the centenery of the death of author CS Lewis with a look at his signature work, The Chronicles of Narnia. He's joined by Jem Bloomfield, whose book *Paths in the Snow* traces the literary allusions in Lewis's novel *The Lion, the Witch and* the Wardrobe. Plus a look at a fictional, religionrelated encounter between Lewis and Sigmund Freud in Matt Brown 's new film, Freud's Last Session.

## 10.45 The Essay: The Enormous

**Condescension of Posterity 3/5.** Five essayists reflect on EP Thompson's 1963 book The Making of the English Working Class. In this instalment historian Christienna Fryar remembers how Thompson's account of Methodism resonated with her own experiences growing up in the US and reflects on Thompson's silence on the slave trade.

11.00 Night Tracks With Sara Mohr-Pietsch.

12.30am Through the Night

With Jonathan Swain. **Prokofiev** Symphony No 1 (Classical) **Beethoven** Piano Concerto No 1 in C **Fauré** Suite: Pelléas et Mélisande **Ravel** Ma Mère l'Oye Martha Argerich (piano), Lausanne Chamber Orchestra, conductor Renaud Capuçon **1.54 Marqués y García** Symphony No 4 in E **2.31 Quantz** Concerto in G minor for two flutes, two oboes and bassoon **2.49 Ravel**Gaspard de la nuit **3.11 Rodrigo** Concierto de Aranjuez 3.33 Franck Prélude, fugue et variation 3.46 Geminiani Concerto grosso in D minor, Op 7 No 3.55 Jacobi Viola Fantasy 4.06 Grieg Symphonic Dance in A minor, Op 64 No 4 4.17 Magi The Broken Oar 4.22 Simpson Prelude and Divisions upon a Ground 4.31 Groneman Concerto in G 4.39 Liszt II m'aimait tant! 4.46 A Butterworth Romanza 4.56 Saint-Saëns Danse macabre (transcr for piano by d'Albert) 5.04 A Scarlatti Ero e Leandro

5.15 Martinu Sonatina 5.26 Delibes Suite: Sylvia 5.44 Schmelzer Vesperae sollennes 6.07 Schubert, orch Liszt Wanderer-Fantasie, D760 (S366) Revised repeat

## Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

6.00am More Music Breakfast Tim Lihoreau with music, news, financial updates and features, including the Breakfast Serial at 7.25.

9.00 Alexander Armstrong Classical hits, starting with the Classic Hall of Fame Hour, featuring favourite pieces voted into the current Classic FM Top 300. At 10.15 Album of the Week

12.00 Anne-Marie Minhall At 12.00 Classic FM Requests and at 3.00 Hall of Fame 3 at 3. Text requests on 61812 or via the website at ClassicFM.com

4.00pm Sam Pittis Classic FM favourites.

7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven Zeb Soanes with a playlist of classical music designed to help listeners relax and recharge, including at **9.00** the **Great Escape**. 10.00 Calm Classics With Ritula Shah.

1.00am Bill Overton 4.00 Lucy Coward

## **Absolute Radio**

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk

Freeview 727 Freesat 724 Sky 0107 Virgin 915

6.00am Dave Berry 10.00 Leona Graham 1.00pm Ben Burrell **4.00** Bush and Richie **7.00** Danielle Perry **10.00** Emil Franchi **1.00am** Dan Noble



## 6 DECEMBER WEDNESDAY

## **BBC Radio 4**

92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW) Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

News, weather and shipping forecasts as vesterday

5.30am News Briefing

**5.43 Prayer for the Day** A reflection and prayer with the Very Rev Dr David Bruce.

**5.45 Farming Today**News about food, farming and the countryside.

5.58 Tweet of the Day

Penny Anderson on the mandarin duck. (R)

**6.00 Today** 

With Martha Kearney and Nick Robinson. 6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 6.45 Yesterday in Parliament

7.48 Thought for the Day

With the Rev Hannah Malcolm. 8.31 LW Yesterday in Parliament

#### 9.00 The Reith Lectures

FM only from 9.45

**2/4.** Ben Ansell, Professor of Comparative Democratic Institutions at Oxford University, delivers his second lecture – *The Future of Security* – at the Hertie School in Berlin. He asks whether citizens of wealthy countries have been lulled into a false sense of security about threats from abroad and at home. He examines the security technologies of tomorrow and how they can be controlled now and the best way to develop technologies powerful enough to protect people without exploiting them. Introduced by Anita Anand. Producer Jim Frank; Editor China Collins Repeated Sunday 11pm Radio 4, with a revised repeat Saturday 7.30pm World Service

## 9.45 LW Daily Service

Led by Kirsty Thorpe. Philippians 4, vv4-9. Hills of the North Rejoice, sung by Guildford Cathedral Choir; Joy to the World, performed by Jonathan Ogden (BBC Recording); Hark the Glad Sound, sung by the congregation of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral.

#### 10.00 Woman's Hour With Emma Barnett. 11.00 South Africa: the Children of

**Paradise** Repeated from Monday 8pm and repeated at 11.30pm on BBC World Service

#### 11.30 Being Roman with Mary Beard 5/6. Battling Bureaucrats. A set of

papyrus scrolls reveals the story of a Roman Egyptian bureaucrat, Apolinarius of Panopolis, preparing for a visit from the fearsome Emperor Diocletian. Mary Beard follows the story to reveal the messy realities of a Roman administration that employed thousands of men charged with keeping Rome and its provinces fed, watered and content. All episodes are available on BBC Sounds. Producer Alasdair Cross

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12.04pm You and Yours

Consumer affairs and public interest stories.

1.00 The World at One

News and analysis with Sarah Montague.

#### 1.45 Empire of Tea

3/10. The Tea in Boston Harbour. The crates dumped in the harbour at the Boston Tea Party in 1773 contained East India Company (EIC) tea. The historian William Dalrymple tells Sathnam Sanghera that taxation wasn't the only issue motivating Boston's revolutionaries. Fear and suspicion of the EIC and its tea were a factor as well. And soon, tea will forever change British relations with China too.

2.00 The Archers Rptd from yesterday 7pm

2.15 Drama: Faith, Hope and Glory

3/3. Faith. By Carol Russell. Faith, now widowed, and her son Winston are living in London while her political activist daughter Serena-Hope is at university in Leeds. Faith has never given up her quest to find Hope's daughter, the baby she lost on Tilbury Docks more than 30 years ago. But will anything erase Hope's years of pain and distress after so long?

Danielle Vitalis Merlene Hope Faith Shiloh Coke Sharon Duncan-Brewster Jaye Griffiths Hopeton Gloria Keziah Joseph Blessings Ojarike Sheila Michael Ajao Jocelyn Jee Esien Cecilia Appiah Enner Bennes John Lightbody Jean Mabel Dorothea Myer-Bennett Joy Rodney Lloyd Thomas Serena-Hope Gabriel Darren Hart **Bethan Mary-James** Bov Errol

Joshua-Alexander Williams
Directors Pat Cumper and Don Gilet

#### 3.00 Money Box Live

Listeners receive financial advice. EMAIL: moneybox@bbc.co.ul

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3.30 All in the Mind Rptd from yesterday 9pm

4.00 Sideways

6/6. A Cinderella Story. Matthew Syed tells the story of how a Cinderella movie from Czechoslovakia in the 1970s became a Christmas tradition across Europe. It created the so-called "Voice of Christmas" in Norway when seasoned voice actor Knut Risan dubbed the film into Norwegian and it became a holiday must-watch. Matthew explores the meaning of cross-cultural traditions, especially during the festive season. Producer Amalie Sortland
Series editor Katherine Godfrey Rptd Sunday 12.15am

#### 4.30 The Media Show

Ros Atkins presents the latest news and views from the media industry.
Producer Dan Hardoon Repeated 9.30pm

5.00 PM With Evan Davis.

## 6.00 Six o'Clock News

## 6.30 Glenn Moore's Almanac

4/4. Millennium. Glenn shares the story of his most catastrophic New Year's Eve ever, at the turn of the millennium. Producer/Director David Tyler Repeated next Wednesday on Radio 4 Extra

4.00 Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs

## **BBC Radio 4 Extra**

#### DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910

6.00am Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs
6.30 Three Act Tragedy By Agatha Christie (3/5)
7.00 The Offing By Benjamin Myers (8/10)
7.15 The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend
7.30 Mark Steel's in Town as 5.30pm **8.00 Hancock's Half Hour** 1958 comedy **8.30 Ballylenon** 1994 sitcom (6/6) **9.00 Counterpoint** Music quiz (8/13) **9.30 Four Joneses and a Jenkins** Sitcom (3/6)

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2.30 Four Joneses and a Jenkins Sitcom (3/6)
3.00 Cutting Edge John Harvey's dramatisation of his own novel. When a young house doctor is attacked on a deserted hospital walkway, the clues seem to lead nowhere for jazz-loving Detective Inspector Charlie Resnic. With Tom Georgeson, Sean Baker, Kate Eaton and others. From 1996 (1/3) Arthur Conan Doyle's 1913 tale *The Dying Detective* **4.30 Three Act Tragedy** By Agatha Christie (3/5) 5.00 The Offing By Benjamin Myers (8/10) 5.15 The Readers of Broken Wheel **Recommend** By Katarina Bivald (3/5) **5.30 Mark Steel's in Town** Mark Steel visits Matlock and Matlock Bath. From 2017 (2/6) 6.00 Hancock's Half Hour 1958 comedy) **6.30 Ballylenon** 1994 sitcom (6/6) 7.00 Counterpoint Music quiz (8/13)
7.30 Four Joneses and a Jenkins Sitcom (3/6)
8.00 Playing the Dane A 2010 programme in which Michael Sheen, anticipating his own Hamlet at the Young Vic in London in 2011, looked back at classic productions of the play. He's joined by other famous Hamlets **9.00 A Good Read** With Harriett Gilbert (6/9) 9.25 Doctor Who: the War Doctor John Dorney's adventure The Neverwhen (1/2) 10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: Glenn Moore's Almanac (3/4), at 10.30 The Museum of Everything (1/6), at 11.00 Alex Horne Presents the Horne Section (2/6), at 11.30 The Skewer (8/8), and at 11.45 The Goldfish Bowl (2/8)
12.00 as 3pm 1.00am as 4pm 1.30 as 4.30pm
2.00 as 5pm 2.15 as 5.15pm 2.30 as 5.30pm
3.00 as 6pm 3.30 as 6.30pm 4.00 as 7pm 4.30 as 7.30pm 5.00 Cutting Edge (2/3)

#### 7.00 The Archers

Justin makes a surprising decision and Kate struggles to let go.
For cast see Friday Repeated tomorrow 2pm

## 7.15 Front Row

Paul King, the director of Wonka, talks to Samira Ahmed about his film, which stars Timothée Chalamet as a young Willy Wonka, and there's a review of an exhibition at Gazelli Art House, London, of work by the artist Pauline Boty. Producer Paula McGrath

#### 8.00 AntiSocial

4/7. Adam Fleming investigates an issue of the day, taking something that is being fiercely dehated from social media and blogs to talk shows and phone-ins. Repeated from Friday

## 8.45 From Fact to Fiction

Comedian, actor and writer Kieran Hodgson creates a fictional response to a story in the week's news. Repeated from Friday

#### 9.00 When It Hits the Fan

David Yelland and Simon Lewis go inside the world of crisis management and spin doctors as they take a look at recent PR disasters, and find out how, where and when it all began to go wrong. Available on BBC Sounds since this morning. Producer Eve Streeter

## 9.30 The Media Show Repeated from 4.30pm 10.00 The World Tonight

Presented by James Coomarasamy.

## 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Miss Buncle's

8/10. By DE Stevenson, Truth and fiction begin to blur as Miss Buncle struggles with her secret. Read by Madeleine Worrall. For details see Monday

## 11.00 Big Little Questions

**5/6. Ivy Asks...** Question asker Ivy poses a royal conundrum, sending Amy Gledhill and Chris Cantrill on the least enviable "husiness" trip ever, Producer Hannah Moulde

## 11.15 Nora Meadows's Week of Wellness

New series. 1/6. Comedy by Will Farrell and Ben Rowse. Nora Meadows helps her clients with therapy techniques including tips for destressing, getting to sleep and a psychometric careers test.

Nora Meadows Katy Wix Brian Chris/JP van der Voss David Elms Gwen Sunil Patel Shivani Thussu Claire **Emily Lloyd-Saini** Saz **Lorna Rose Tre** Producer Nick Coupe; Directors Will Farrell and Ben Row Lorna Rose Treen

## 11.30 Today in Parliament

News and analysis of the day's developments.

#### 12.00 News and Weather 12.30-12.45am Book of the Week: The Years

3/5. By Annie Ernaux. The author recounts life in 1950s France and the violent conflict about to erupt. Read by Sian Thomas.

1.00 as BBC World Service

## **BBC World Service**

#### DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview\* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906 Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgir

**5.00am** Newsday **8.00** News **8.05** Hardtalk **8.30** Business Daily **8.50** Witness History: a US-backed coup in 1967 in which army officers seized power in Greece **9.00** The Newsroom 9.30 The Climate Question 10.00 News 10.05 World Book Club 11.00 The Newsroom 11.30 The Documentary: South Africa – the Children of Paradise: Fergal Keane explores how South Africa has changed 30 years since the end of apartheid (1/3) Repeated from Monday 8pm Radio 4 Fergal Keane's viewpoint: p11 12.00 News **12.05pm** Outlook **12.50** Witness History **1.00** The Newsroom **1.30** Tech Life **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Hardtalk **3.30** World Business Report **4.00** BBC OS **6.00** News **6.05** Outlook Report 4.00 BBC OS 6.00 News 6.05 Outlook 6.50 Witness History 7.00 The Newsroom 7.30 Sport Today 8.00 News 8.05 The Climate Question 8.30 Health Check 9.00 Newshour 10.00 The Newsroom 10.20 Sports News 10.30 World Business Report 11.00 News 11.05 Hardtalk 11.30 The Documentary 12.00 News 12.05am World Book Club 1.00 News 1.05 Business Nattors 2.00 The Newsroom 3.30 Assignment Matters **2.00** The Newsroom **2.30** Assignment **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.50** Witness History 4.00 The Newsroom 4.30 The Food Chain

## BBC Radio 5 Live

## 693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive

F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905 Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

**News** and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

#### 5.00am Wake Up to Money 6.00 5 Live Breakfast

Rick Edwards and Jeanette Kwakye with a detailed look at the headlines.

## 9.00 Nicky Campbell

Topical phone-in discussion. Simulcast with BBC2 until 10am

## **11.00 Naga Munchetty** News and big name interviews. 1.00pm Nihal Arthanavake

4.00 5 Live Drive Tony Livesey and Clare McDonnell with the latest news and sport.

#### 7.00 5 Live Sport

Mark Chapman with sports news and updates from tonight's **7.30pm** fixtures in the Premier League, including Brighton v Brentford. Crystal Palace v Bournemouth, Fulham v Nottingham Forest and Sheffield United v Liverpool. Plus build-up to the **8.15** commentary on Manchester United v Chelsea. And there are updates from Aston Villa v Manchester City (with full commentary on Sports Extra).

10.30 Colin Murray Including at 11.00 This House Believes – a lively debate – and at 12.00 Midnight in America, with 1.00am Dotun Adebavo

## **BBC 5 Sports Extra**

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

## 8.10-10.30pm Football

Premier League commentary on Aston Villa v Manchester City.

## Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927

6.00am Talksport Breakfast 10.00 Jim White and Simon Jordan Sporting insight.

1.00pm Hawksbee and Jacobs

Sports news, guests and more
4.00 Talksport Drive Andy Goldstein and Darren Bent with opinionated sports debate.

7.00 Kick Off Sports debate. 10.00 Sports Bar 1.00am Extra Time 5.00 Early Breakfast

## Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

#### 1.00pm-3.00 Racing

Commentary from Lingfield. When Radio Times went to press, cricket commentary on West Indies v England ODI was not confirmed. If it is, it be broadcast from 5.30pm.

## LBC

97.3 FM (London area) DAB lbc.co.uk F'view 732 F'sat 734 Skv 0123 Virgin 919 7.00am Nick Ferrari 10.00 James O'Brien 1.00pm Shelagh Fogarty 4.00 Tom Swarbrick 6.00 Tonight with Andrew Marr **7.00** lain Dale **10.00** Ben Kentish **12.00** Ben Kentish **1.00am** Richard Spurr **4.00** Ian Payne

## **Times Radio**

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

**5.00am** James Hanson **6.00** Aasmah Mir and Stig Abell **10.00** Matt Chorley **1.00pm** Mariella Frostrup **3.00** Jane Garvey and Fi Glover **5.00** John Pienaar **7.00** Pienaar and Friends **8.00** Kait Borsay 10.00 Carole Walker 1.00am Stories of Our Times 1.30 Red Box 2.00 Highlights

\*Not available on Freeview in Scotland 4pm-1am. **Key** (R) Repeat

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# THURSDAY Radio

## TODAY'S CHOICES



## **Crossing Continents**

11.00am **Radio 4** 

For centuries the songbirds migrating between Europe, Africa and the Middle East, such as this lesser grey shrike above. have offered rich pickings for the people of Cyprus. But where once they were caught in relatively small numbers as part of a subsistence diet, millions are now being trapped and killed each year using efficient new technologies. In this programme, travel writer Antonia Bolingbroke-Kent visits the island to see the trappers in action. This highly lucrative business also happens to be illegal under Cypriot and EU law, and in recent years the authorities have staged a fightback that has gone some way towards cutting down the slaughter. But these restrictions have also attracted organised crime, and as Bolingbroke-Kent finds, speaking to those trying to stop the mass killing, the battle is far from over. TOM GOULDING

#### Radio 3 in Concert

7.30pm **Radio 3** 

Debussy only spent a single afternoon in Spain, watching a bullfight in San Sebastián, yet in *Ibéria* – the Hispanic triptych at the heart of the larger triptych that comprises his orchestral Images – he conjured such vivid evocations of the sights and scents and sounds of Spain that even Manuel de Falla praised their imaginative authenticity. For the work's other two panels. though, Debussy was on more familiar ground, using authentic folk tunes (including the Northumbrian Keel Row) to underscore dance-driven tributes to his other favourite countries, England and France. Equally rich in allusions, Shostakovich's two piano concertos are performed tonight by the impressive Italian pianist Federico Colli. MARK PAPPENHEIM

## BBC Radio 1

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view\* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 **7.00am** Greg James **10.30** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **1.00pm** Dean and Vicky **3.30** Vick and Jordan **6.00** Future Sounds **8.00** Mollie King **10.00** BBC Introducing Dance 11.00 Essential Mix 1.00am Dance Presents 2.00 One Direction: a Fan Story (1–4/8) All episodes are on BBC Sounds **3.00** Relax **4.00** Dance **5.00** Arielle Free

## **BBC Radio 2**

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view\* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.30am Zoe Ball

With guest Paddy McGuinness. 9.30 Vernon Kay

Including at 11.40 Tracks of My Years. Plus Vernon's Vault, with material from the BBC's archive.

12.00 Jeremy Vine 2.00pm Scott Mills 4.00 Sara Cox 7.00 Jo Whiley 9.00 The Country Show with Bob Harris 10.00 Trevor Nelson's **Rhythm Nation** 12.00 OJ Borg 3.00am Sounds of the 90s Mixtape.

## 4.00 Owain Wyn Evans **BBC 6 Music**

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music

Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909 7.30am Lauren Laverne 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs For this year's portrait-themed edition of Art Is Everywhere – a 6 Music venture broadcast in the week of the Turner Prize ceremony – Mary Anne welcomes 2004 Turner Prize winner Jeremy Deller and Tyler Mitchell, the first black photographer to shoot a cover of American Vogue. And Romy, Mitski, Alison Mosshart and Josh Homme share favourite portraits.

1.00pm Craig Charles 4.00 Huw Stephens
7.00 New Music Fix Daily Featuring a session from Thy Slaughter

a collaboration between producers AG Cook and Easyfun (Finn Keane).

9.00 6 Music Artist in Residence 4/8. Further picks from Shygirl. 10.00 Riley and Coe 12.00 New Music Fix with Huw Stephens Three 6 Music presenters each curate an hour of their favourite new music, starting with Huw Stephens. At **1.00am** Mary Anne Hobbs, followed at **2.00** by Jamz Supernova. And at **3.00** another special year-end edition of **New Album Fix** – with Matt Everitt introducing tracks from the favourite 2023 albums of 6 Music presenters Lauren Laverne (Mitski), Marc Riley (BC Camplight), Nathan Shepherd (Japanese House), Tom Ravenscroft (James Holden) and Tom Robinson Benefits) - followed at 4.00 by New

Music Fix Playlist. 5.00 Chris Hawkins

## **Greatest Hits**

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk

F'view 716 Sky 0151 Regional variations on FM/MW 6.00am Rossie 10.00 Ken Bruce 1.00pm Debbie Mac 4.00 Simon Mayo **7.00** Jackie Brambles **10.00** Andy Crane **1.00am** Music Marathon **4.00** Alex Lester

## **Boom Radio**

DAB boomradio.co.uk

**6.00am** Andy Marriott **7.30** Graham Dene **10.00** David Lloyd **12.00** David Hamilton **2.00pm** Roger Day **4.00** Nicky Horne **6.00** Jane Markham **8.00** The Easy Hour **9.00** Sweet's Andy Scott-Choices **10.00** Diana Luke **12.00** Night Ride 2.00am Through the Night

## **BBC Radio 3**

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3

Freeview\* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903

News and weather as Monday

6.30am Breakfast With Petroc Trelawny. 9.00 Essential Classics With Georgia Mann. 12.00 Composer of the Week:

A Medieval Christmas

4/5. The Cult of the Virgin. In today's programme Donald Macleod and William Lyons explore the wealth of medieval music written in honour of Mary, mother of Jesus, and the emerging tradition of Iullabies to the infant Jesus.

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John Potter (tenor), Dufay Collective,

director William Lyons

Angelus ad virginem

Gothic Voices

Ecce quod natura; Ther is no rose of swych vertu Anonymous 4

Verbum patris humanatur

Ensemble Discantus, director Brigitte Lesne Verbum patris

William Lyons and Nicholas Perry (bagpipes) Thys endere nyght

Voice Trio, Dufay Collective, director William Lyons Ave maris stella Gilles Binchois Ensemble, director Dominique Vellard

1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert

John Toal presents the concluding part of a concert given by pianist Elisabeth Brauss and the Chaos Quartet on 23 October in Belfast.

Schumann Carnaval, Op 9

Fanny Mendelssohn String Quartet in E flat

#### 2.00 Afternoon Concert

With Ian Skelly, including at **3.00** a continued spotlight on the BBC National Orchestra of Wales with a performance of Elgar's Second Symphony given in St David's Hall in Cardiff in March – and, in the **Artist's Choice** feature, music by Esenvalds as chosen by National Youth Open Orchestra violinist Cass as part of the BBC's

Rethinking Disability week. **Bach** Sinfonia (Cantata No 29: Wir danken dir, Gott, wir danken dir) Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra, director Ton Koopman (organ)

Bruch Kol Nidrei Camille Thomas (cello), BBC NOW, conductor Nil Venditti

Tom Davoren Valaisa Variants Wallberg Band, conductor Ivan Meylemans

Mozart Serenade in D. K239 (Serenata Notturna) Camerata Nordica, conductor Terje Tonnesen Esenvalds O salutaris hostia Kate Ledington (soprano), Maeve Stier (soprano), Portland State University Chamber Choir, conductor Ethan Sperry Weber Invitation to the Dance Stephen Hough (piano) 3.00 Elgar Symphony No 2 in E flat BBC National Orchestra of Wales, conductor Tadaaki Otaka Copland Appalachian Spring BBC Concert Orchestra, conductor Keith Lockhart

Peter Meechan Song of Hope Wallberg Band, conductor Ivan Mevlemans

## **5.00 In Tune**

Katie Derham with news from the classical world, music and guests, today with Franco-Lebanese composer and organist Naji Hakim discussing his

## Scala Radio

DAB scalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Charles Nove Music and features. **10.00 Penny Smith** With music and features, including after **11.30** the **Scala Radio Book Club**, with a top author discussing their latest publication.

1.00pm Sam Hughes With popular classical works. 4.00 Richard Allinson Music and features. 7.00 Mark Forrest

10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music. 1.00am Night Music

5.00 In the Park A playlist designed to be calming.

## Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork

F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am Asian Network Beats 7.00 Nikita Kanda 10.00 Certified 11.00 Kan D Man 2.00pm Certified Throwbacks **3.00** Ankur Desai **6.00** AJD **8.00** DJ Nish **10.00** Shisha Lounge Mix **11.00** Chill **12.00** Love Friday Mix 1.00am DJ Limelight 4.00 Ankur Desai 5.00 Asian Network Celebrates

latest recordings. Plus a live performance by the Solem Quartet after 6.00.

7.00 Classical Mixtape An inspired playlist. 7.30 Radio 3 in Concert

In the second of his two concerts this week, here with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and soloists. Mark Elder conducts music by Debussy and Shostakovich. Broadcast live from the City Halls in Glasgow, presented by Kate Molleson. Federico Colli (piano), Matilda Lloyd (trumpet), BBCSSO, conductor Mark Elder

Debussy Ibéria (Images)

Shostakovich Piano Concerto No 2

**Debussy** Gigues; Rondes de printemps (Images) Shostakovich Concerto for piano, trumpet and string orchestra

## 10.00 Free Thinking

Crash, the controversial 1973 novel by JG Ballard about car crash fetishists was, according to its author, "a total metaphor for man's life in today's society". Matthew Sweet is joined by author lain Sinclair, film critic Muriel Zagha – who discusses David Cronenberg's 1996 film adaptation - and Mark Blacklock, editor of Ballard's Selected Nonfiction, 1962–2007. Plus Jo Stanley, who took part in an exhibition Ballard staged when he was developing the ideas that led to Crash. Producer Luke Mulhall

## 10.45 The Essay: The Enormous

**Condescension of Posterity 4/5.** Five essayists reflect on EP Thompson's 1963 book The Making of the English Working Class, written in the years following Thompson's leave in 1956 of the Communist Party of Great Britain. In this instalment, journalist and TV presenter David Aaronovitch explores how Thompson's communism was essential to the writing of his great book.

## 11.00 The Night Tracks Mix

11.30 Unclassified

Elizabeth Alker with ambient and experimental sounds, including Yorkshire-born artist Kirk Barley and drones inspired by the characteristics of molten rock from Australian trio Panghalina. Plus Hiroshima-based experimental composer Meitei.

12.30am Through the Night

With Jonathan Swain, beginning with a programme of wind music recorded in Zürich. **Gebauer** *Trio concertant*, Op 32 no 2 Strauss Theme and Variations, Op 13 Elgar Op 32 no 2 Strauss Theme and Variations, Op 13 Elgar Romance, Op 62 (bassoon and piano version) Gaubert Tarantelle Arnold Sonatina, Op 29 Andersen Au bord de la mer, Op 9 Taffanel Wind Quintet in G minor Andrea Kolle (flute), Silvia Zabarella (oboe), Fabio Di Casola Kolle (flute), Silvia Zabarella (oboe), Fabio Di Casola (clarinet), Maria Wildhaber (bassoon), Joan Bautista Bernat Sanchis (horn), Alexander Boeschoten (piano) 1.45 Brun Symphony No 2 2.25 Anon, arr Lewon Innsbruck, I Must Part 2.31 Brahms Piano Sonata No 3 in F minor, Op 5 3.09 Sibelius Song of the Earth, Op 93 3.28 Lithander Divertimento No 1 3.37 Goldmark Overture: Ein Wintermärchen 3.46 Tchaikovsky A Tear Trophles, Op 6 No 4, Way 2, Op 8 No 5, No 8 No 5 Trembles, Op 6 No 4; Why?, Op 6 No 5; None but the Lonely Heart, Op 6 No 6 **3.58 Corelli** Sonata da chiesa in D minor, Op 3 No 5 **4.05 Carreño** Margariteña **4.20** D Scarlatti Keyboard Sonata in E, Kk380 **4.25 Handel** Ombra mai fu (Serse) **4.31 Groven** Hjalarljod, Op 38 **4.37 Grieg** *Wedding Day at Troldhaugen, Op 65 No 6* **4.44 Mozart, compl Kocsis** *Rondo in E flat, K371* **4.51** Ravel Sonatine, arr for flute, bassoon and harp **5.03** Spassov Solveig's Songs **5.12** Strauss Tod und Verklärung, Op 24 5.36 Bach Solo Violin Sonata No 3 in C, BWV1005 **6.00** Arensky Suite No 1 in G, Op 15 **6.15** Locatelli Violin Concerto in E flat, Op 7 No 6 (Il pianto d'Arianna)

## Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

6.00am More Music Breakfast With Tim Lihoreau. 9.00 Alexander Armstrong

12.00 Anne-Marie Minhall Including at 12.00 Classic FM Requests – with listeners phoning in requests – and at 3.00 Hall of Fame 3 at 3, featuring three works from the current Classic Hall of Fame chart. Text requests on 61812 or via the website at ClassicFM.com 4.00pm Sam Pittis Classic FM favourites.

7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven Zeb Soanes with a playlist of classical music designed to be calming.

10.00 Calm Classics With Ritula Shah. 1.00am Bill Overton 4.00 Lucy Coward

## Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk

Freeview 727 Freesat 724 Sky 0107 Virgin 915

6.00am Dave Berry 10.00 Leona Graham 1.00pm Ben Burrell **4.00** Bush and Richie **7.00** Danielle Perry **10.00** Emil Franchi **1.00am** Dan Noble



# 7 DECEMBER THURSDAY

## BBC Radio 4

92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW) Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

News, weather and shipping forecasts as Tuesday

#### 5.30am News Briefing

**5.43 Prayer for the Day** A reflection and prayer with the Very Rev Dr David Bruce.

#### 5.45 Farming Today

**5.58 Tweet of the Day** The songs and calls of the red-headed woodpecker. (R)

## **6.00 Today**

With Amol Rajan and Nick Robinson.

6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 6.45 Yesterday in Parliament

**7.48 Thought for the Day** With Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis.

8.31 LW Yesterday in Parliament

The *Today* Podcast is available on BBC Sounds from this morning and broadcast on Radio 4 at 11pm

#### 9.00 In Our Time

Melvyn Bragg chairs a discussion on Swiss theologian Karl Barth (1886–1968). He's joined by Tom Greggs from the University of Aberdeen, biographer Christiane Tietz from the University of Zürich, and Stephen Plant from the University of Cambridge.
Producer Simon Tillotson Shortened repeat 9.30pm

## 9.45 FM Book of the Week: The Years

4/5. Annie Ernaux's "collective autobiography" of the years between 1941 to 2006. The author's memories of life in 1968 have very little in common with those found in the media. Read by Sian Thomas. For details see Monday Repeated 12.30am

#### 9.45 LW Daily Service

Led by Augustine Tl. Isaiah 7, vv10–15. Jesus O What a Wonderful Child, performed by Mariah Carey; Immanuel, performed by Geraldine Latty; Are You Ready for a Miracle?, performed by Patti Labelle and Edwin Hawkins.

## 10.00 Woman's Hour

Presented by Emma Barnett

## **11.00 Crossing Continents**

3/10. Cyprus: the Battle over Songbird Slaughter. Cyprus is one of the main resting stops for songbirds as they migrate between Europe, Africa and the Middle East. For centuries, Cypriots trapped and ate a small number of migrating songbirds, as part of a subsistence diet. But over recent decades, the consumption of songbirds became a lucrative commercial business and the level of slaughter reached industrial levels. The methods used by the trappers are illegal under both Cypriot and EU law. In the last few years, both the Cypriot authorities and environmental groups have been fighting back. But it remains a multimillion-dollar illegal business. Antonia Bolingbroke-Kent sees the trappers in action. and meets those determined to stop the mass killing of birds. Also broadcast in Assignment at 8.05pm on BBC World Service. Producer Alex Last Repeated Monday 8.30pm

## 11.30 Great Lives Repeated from Tuesday 4.30pm

## 12.04pm You and Yours

Reports on consumer affairs.

#### 12.32 Sliced Bread

11/12. Consumer show in which Greg Foot and his guests explore some of the claims made about bedding products. Producer Simon Hoban Repeated Saturday 5.30pm

#### 1.00 The World at One

Presented by Sarah Montague.

## 1.45 Empire of Tea

4/10. The Tea Wars. As Britain's demand for tea soared in the late 18th century, an economic problem was emerging. Britain wanted to buy lots of tea from China, but China wasn't interested in the commodities Britain had to sell. A solution was found in the form of opium, which Britain could grow in India and sell to China. The Chinese leadership didn't want the narcotic though, and Britain's desire to offset its tea habit by selling an addictive, hard drug that harmed Chinese people, led to war.

#### 2.00 The Archers Repeated from yesterday 7pm

## 2.15 Drama: Broken Colours

2/4. Third series of the thriller by Matthew Broughton. Jess and Dan are hiding deep in the woods with Selina, the Queen of Spiders. Something grim surfaces in the dock. And then they have a real stroke of luck. All episodes are available on BBC Sounds.

Holli Dempsey Blue Rider Josef Altin Producer/Man1 Olivia Vinall .less Brid Brennan Newsreader/Man 2 Selena Melissa Kezrena James T Producers John Norton and Emma Harding Tyler Cameron Director John Norton

**3.00 Open Country** 6/15. Unearthing the Past at Vindolanda

At the major Roman site of Vindolanda, just south of Hadrian's Wall in Northumberland, excavations have unearthed artefacts from nearly 2,000 years ago. Archaeologist Rose Ferraby visits the site and asks what we can learn about the people who lived here and the kind of lives they led. At a sister site, Magna, archaeological work is being directly affected by climate change. The peat bog on which it sits is drying out, exposing ancient structures to the air. It's a race against time to find out as much as possible and to preserve the past. Producer Ruth Sanderson Repeated Saturday 6.07am

## 3.27 The Radio 4 Appeal

Repeated from Sunday 7.54

**3.30 Bookclub** Repeated from Sunday 4pm

4.00 Legend: the Joni Mitchell Story 6/6. The Circle Game. Jesca Hoop reveals how Joni reunited with her daughter, recovered from a near-fatal illness and came full circle with the help of a community of musicians, friends and fans. Producers Mair Bosworth and Eliza Lomas

5.15 The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend

Dramatisation by Jeremy Raison of Swedish author Katarina Bivald's 2013 debut novel. From 2019 (4/5)

**5.30 The Break** Comedy by Ian Brown and James Hendrie, set in a fictional Yorkshire coastal town.

With Philip Jackson and Tom Palmer From 2016 (5/6) 6.00 Dad's Army Vintage sitcom 6.30 Second Thoughts 1989 comedy (8/8) 7.00 The Unbelievable Truth Panel show (6/6)

**8.00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird** A 2018 programme in which Paul Gambaccini celebrates the mystique of Jim Morrison (1943–71) (1/3)

## **BBC Radio 4 Extra**

#### DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910 6.00am Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs
6.30 Three Act Tragedy By Agatha Christie (4/5)
7.00 The Offing By Benjamin Myers (9/10)
7.15 The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend

**7.30 The Break** as 5.30pm

8.00 Dad's Army Vintage sitcom (7/20) 8.30 Second Thoughts 1989 comedy (8/8) 9.00 The Unbelievable Truth Panel show (6/6) 9.30 The Richest Man in Britain Sitcom (2/6)

10.00 Cutting Edge By John Harvey (2/3)
11.00 Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs
11.30 Three Act Tragedy By Agatha Christie (4/5)
12.00 The Offing By Benjamin Myers (9/10)

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3.00 Cutting Edge By John Harvey (2/3)
4.00 Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs
Dramatisation by Michael Hardwick of Arthur Conan Doyle's 1904 tale The Second Stain. From 1967

**4.30 Three Act Tragedy** By Agatha Christie (4/5) **5.00 The Offing** By Benjamin Myers (9/10)

9.00 Great Lives Matthew Parris invites chef Rick Stein to assess the legacy of Doors frontman Jim Morrison (1943–71). With Paul Gambaccini, filmmaker Frank Lisciandro and poet Kirsten Norrie.

9.30 Doctor Who: The War Doctor John Dorney's adventure The Neverwhen, with John Hurt reprising the War Doctor role, From 2016 (2/2) 10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: It's a Fair Cop (4/5), at 10.30 Dan and Nick: The Wildebeest (4/5), at 10.30 Dan and Nick: The Wildebeest Years (1/7), 10.55 The Comedy Club Interview (1/7), 11.00 The Maltby Collection (2/6), and at 11.30 A Look Back at the Future (6/6) 12.00 as 5pm 1.00am as 4pm 1.30 as 4.30pm 2.00 as 5pm 2.15 as 5.15pm 2.30 as 5.30pm 3.00 as 6pm 3.30 as 6.30pm 4.00 as 7pm

**4.30** as 7.30pm **5.00** Cutting Edge (3/3)

Reports on the latest scientific research to make the news headlines and a broader look at how science is advancing to transform culture and affect lives. Producer Harrison Lewis Repeated 9pm

**5.00 PM** Presented by Evan Davis.

4.30 BBC Inside Science

## 6.00 Six o'Clock News

#### 6.30 It's a Fair Cop

**5/5.** Exposure. Alfie Moore recounts a case of indecent exposure. When a repeat offender is discovered in the community, Alfie takes the audience through all the policing options to try to catch the perpetrator. Producer Richard Morris

Repeated next Thursday on Radio 4 Extra (R)

#### 7.00 The Archers

The Grundys keep their fingers crossed and Tom comes to a decision.

For cast see Friday Repeated tomorrow 2pm

#### 7.15 Front Row

Tom Sutcliffe and guests review some of the week's cultural highlights, including *Anselm*, a documentary from film-maker Wim Wenders about the artist Anselm Kiefer. Producer Ciaran Bermingham

## 8.00 The Briefing Room

3/15. David Aaronovitch and guests explore the issues behind a story in the news. Repeated tomorrow 11am

## 8.30 Million Dollar Lover

**3/8. The Fight.** Carolyn is facing mounting opposition to her relationship with Dave, who is 23 years younger than her and a world away in terms of wealth and lifestyle. She is being forced to make the most difficult choice possible – between her daughters and her new lover – a situation that becomes so heated it finally erupts into violence. All episodes are on BBC Sounds. Producers Sue Mitchell and Joel Moors

9.00 BBC Inside Science Rptd from 4.30pm **9.30 In Our Time** Shortened repeat from 9am

## 10.00 The World Tonight

Presented by Nuala McGovern

## 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Miss Buncle's Book

9/10. By DE Stevenson. The village is in uproar after Sarah Walker's denials but the Christmas party must go on. Read by Madeleine Worrall, For details see Monday

## 11.00 The Today Podcast

Amol Rajan and Nick Robinson's take on the biggest news stories of the week. Available on BBC Sounds from this morning Producer Tom Smithard Editors Jonathan Aspinwall and Louisa Lewis

## 11.30 Today in Parliament

News, views and analysis from Westminster.

12.00 News and Weather 12.30-12.45am Book of the Week: The Years Repeated from 9.45am (FM only)

1.00 as BBC World Service

## **BBC World Service**

## DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview\* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906

Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin 5.00am Newsday 8.00 News 8.05 The Inquiry 8.30 Business Daily 8.50 Witness History 9.00 The Newsroom 9.30 CHOICE: Assignment: the illegal killing of birds migrating between Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Also broadcast in Crossing Continents at 11am on Radio 4 10.00 News 10.05 Unexpected Elements 11.00 The Newsroom 11.30 The Food Chain 12.00 News 12.05pm Outlook 12.50 Witness Histor 1.00 The Newsroom 1.30 Health Check 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 The Inquiry **3.30** World Business Report **4.00** BBC OS **6.00** News **6.05** Outlook **6.50** Witness History: 6.00 News 6.05 Outlook 6.50 Witness History: a woman who survived kidnap and detention by the miltary junta in Argentina in the late 1970s and early 80s 7.00 The Newsroom 7.30 Sport Today 8.00 News 8.05 CHOICE: Assignment 8.30 Science in Action 9.00 Newshour 10.00 The Newsroom 10.20 Sports News 10.30 World Business Report 11.00 News 11.05 The Inquiry 11.30 The Food Chain 12.00 News 12.05am Unexpected Elements 1.00 News 1.05 Business Matters 2.00 The Newsroom 2.30 Tech Life Matters **2.00** The Newsroom **2.30** Tech Life **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.50** Witness History

4.00 The Newsroom 4.30 Heart and Soul

## BBC Radio 5 Live

## 693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive

F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905 Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

**News** and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

## 5.00am Wake Up to Money Financial news, reports and analysis. **6.00 5 Live Breakfast**

Rachel Burden and Rick Edwards with a detailed look at the headlines.

## 9.00 Nicky Campbell

Topical discussion, with a phone-in. Simulcast with BBC2 until 10am

#### 11.00 Adrian Chiles 1.00pm Nihal Arthanavake

News and topical conversation including big-name interviews. **4.00 5 Live Drive** 

Tony Livesey and Clare McDonnell with the latest news and sport.

## 7.00 5 Live Sport

Steve Crossman with sports news and build-up to the live **7.30** commentary on Everton v Newcastle United, followed at **9.15** by secondhalf commentary on Tottenham Hotspur v West Ham United.

#### 10.30 Colin Murray

Discussion and debate on vital issues. Plus features, including at 11.00 Our Ukrainian Radio Family and at 12.00 Midnight Mixtape, featuring a curated playlist with a chance for listeners to make suggestions.

1.00am Dotun Adebayo

## **BBC 5 Sports Extra**

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

## 8.10-11.30am Cricket

Brisbane Heat v Melbourne Stars in the Big Bash League. 8.10pm-10.30 Football

Tottenham Hotspur v West Ham United in the Premier League.

#### **Talksport**

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927 **6.00am Talksport Breakfast** Alan Brazil presents the headlines

and topical sports stories.

10.00 Jim White and Simon Jordan Sporting insight.

1.00pm Hawksbee and Baker Paul Hawksbee and Charlie Baker

with sports news, guests and more. **4.00 Talksport Drive** Andy
Goldstein and Darren Bent with opinionated sports debate. **7.00 Kick Off** Sports debate. **10.00 Sports Bar** Reaction, analysis and the chance for listeners

to have a say on the day's sport. **1.00am Extra Time** Topical discussion, with a phone-in throughout the night.

## 5.00 Early Breakfast

**LBC** 

97.3 FM (London area) DAB lbc.co.uk F'view 732 F'sat 734 Skv 0123 Virgin 919 7.00am Nick Ferrari 10.00 James O'Brien **1.00pm** Shelagh Fogarty **4.00** Tom Swarbrick **6.00** Andrew Marr **7.00** lain Dale 10.00 Ben Kentish 1.00am Clive Bull 4.00 Ian Payne

## **Times Radio**

#### DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

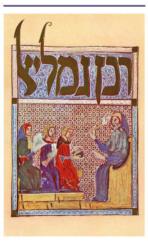
5.00am James Hanson 6.00 Aasmah Mir and Stig Abell **10.00** Matt Chorley: an insider's guide to politics **1.00pm** Mariella Frostrup **3.00** Jane Garvey and Fi Glover: live discussion on the day's news **5.00** John Pienaar: conversation with political and economic guests **7.00** Pienaar and Friends **8.00** Kait Borsay **10.00** Henry Bonsu **1.00am** Stories of Our Times 1.30 Red Box 2.00 Highlights

\*Not available on Freeview in Scotland 4pm-1am, **Kev** (R) Repeat

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# FRIDAY Radio

## TODAY'S CHOICES



## **Heart and Soul** 11.30am/11.30pm **BBC World Service**

Sarajevo's most famous artefact, a 700-year-old Jewish prayer book called the Haggadah (above), has a history that would appear to offer a beacon of hope in these religiously turbulent times. Saved from the Nazis by a Muslim and a Catholic, and then again by another Muslim during the war-torn 1990s, it captures the possibility of different creeds being able to live together and respect each other's treasured antiquities. Presenter Farrah Jarral hears from members of the city's Jewish community and their wish that Jews and Muslims can live together, as they had for hundreds of years. However, on a visit to the museum to see the book itself, she hears another story that reveals the forces of religious and ethnic grievance remain a challenge to overcome. JEREMY ASPINALL

#### **Disordered**

11.30am Radio 4

Disordered made its debut as a single episode back in December 2021 and was, thankfully, picked up as a series. Produced and directed by Moray Hunter and Gordon Kennedy (part of the team behind The Absolutely Radio Show) and written by Magnus Mackintosh, this is a prime example of finding light in the darkness. Hector is a single parent, looking after his gifted son while battling with debilitating anxiety and a caustic former partner. Not sounding funny thus far? Do give this a listen, as the satirical swipes at state bureaucracy are priceless and Jamie Sives (most recently seen in Shetland, Guilt and Annika) turns in a prize performance as the beleaguered Hector. ANNA JONES

## BBC Radio 1

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1 F'view\* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901 **6.30am** Best New Pop **7.00** Greg James **10.30** Katie Thistleton **1.00pm** Matt and Mollie **3.00** Party Anthems **4.00** Official Chart **6.00** Dance Party 8.00 Future Dance 10.00 Pete Tong 12.00 Classic Essential Mix 2.00am Dance Presents 3.00 Danny Howard 4.00 Chillout Anthems 5.00 Happy

## **BBC Radio 2**

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2 F'view\* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902 6.30am Zoe Ball Including between **8.00** and **9.00**Friends Round Friday, this week featuring actor Suranne Jones-

ahead of series two of BBC1 drama Viail - and Matt Lucas, who discusses his new book for kids.

9.30 Vernon Kay 12.00 Jeremy Vine 2.00pm Scott Mills At 3.30 Scott Mills's Wonder Years. featuring one track each from successive years, starting with 1991.

4.00 Sara Cox With All-Request Friday. 7.00 Michelle Visage

Disco, dance, pop, neo-R&B bangers and, at **8.30**, an "all my girls"-themed edition of **Handbag Hits**, including Sugababes, Spice Girls, Girls Aloud, Little Mix and Destiny's Child.

9.00 The Good Groove with DJ Spoony

Including at 9.00 a half-hour of 1970s disco, followed at 9.30 by the Rewind Selector, with Kathy Sledge (of Sister Sledge) sharing first-hand recollections of the 1970s disco era. Plus a disco-themed edition of the Deeper Cuts Mix at 10.40.

11.00 The Rock Show with Johnnie Walker 12.00 Romesh Ranganathan: for the Love of Hip-Hop 1.00am Edith Bowman's Ultimate Disco Music Moments from the **Movies** The music of the glitterball. 2.00 Music programme 4.00 Sophie Ellis-Bextor's Kitchen Disco Uplifting disco tunes. 5.00 Radio 2 in Concert (R)

## **BBC 6 Music**

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music

Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909 7.30am Lauren Laverne 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs Including at 12.00 the half-hour Icons Mix. 1.00pm Craig Charles 4.00 Huw Stephens 7.00 The People's Party with Afrodeutsche 9.00 6 Music's Indie Forever 11.00 The Ravers Hour 12.00 6 Music's Rave Forever 1.00am 6 Music's Emo Forever 2.00 Focus Beats 4.00 Ambient Focus

## **Greatest Hits**

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk

F'view 716 Sky 0151 Regional variations on FM/MW 6.00am Rossie 10.00 Ken Bruce **1.00pm** Debbie Mac **4.00** Simon Mayo **7.00** Martin Kemp **10.00** Rhythm of the Night **1.00am** Good Times Anthems **2.00** Music Marathon

## **Boom Radio**

DAB boomradio.co.uk

6.00am Andy Marriott 7.30 Graham Dene 10.00 David Lloyd 12.00 David Hamilton 2.00pm Judi Spiers 4.00 Nicky Horne 6.00 John Peters 8.00 The Easy Hour 9.00 Graham rrington 12.00 Dave Brown

## **BBC Radio 3**

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3

Freeview\* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903 News and weather as Monday

6.30am Breakfast With Petroc Trelawny. 9.00 Essential Classics With Georgia Mann. 12.00 Composer of the Week:

A Medieval Christmas 5/5. Carols and Revelries. Donald Macleod and William Lyons conclude with an exploration of community Christmas traditions during the Middle Ages, including carol singing, plays and gift giving.

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Voice Trio, Dufay Collective, director William Lyons Coventry Carol The King's Singers

Adam Dieus soit en cheste maison Sequentia Dufay Bonjour, bon mois Ensemble Allégorie A de Lantins Ce jour de l'an, belle je vous supply Le Miroir de Musique, director Baptiste Romain Dufay Ce jour de l'an Hilliard Ensemble

**Anon, arr Lyons** *Gresley Dances* Dufay Collective, director William Lyons

1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert

John Toal presents the concluding part of a concert given by pianist Elisabeth Brauss and cellist

Leonard Elschenbroich on 24 October as part of the Belfast International Arts Festival. Brahms Cello Sonata No 1 in Eminor, Op 38

Ravel Le tombeau de Couperin

#### 2.00 Afternoon Concert

With Ian Skelly, including at **3.00** the conclusion of a spotlight on the BBC National Orchestra of Wales - with a performance of Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms given November 2022 at BBC Hoddinott Hall in Cardiff – and, in the **Artist's Choice** feature, film music by Ennio Morricone as chosen by National Youth Open Orchestra trombonist Jonah as part of the BBC's Rethinking Disability week. lus more brass music from the Wallberg Band. Ellington Caravan Christopher Bins (trombone), Wallberg Band, conductor Ivan Meylemans Wagenaar Cyrano de Bergerac BBC National Orchestra of Wales, conductor Anthony Hermus Gluck Dance of the Blessed Spirits (Orpheus and Euridice) Emmanuel Pahud (flute), Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor Yannick

Nezet-Seguin Morricone The Good, the Bad and the Ugly – The Ecstasy of Gold Danish National Symphony Orchestra and Concert Choir, conductor Sarah Hicks Schubert Piano Trio in E flat, D897 (Notturno) Danish Nationa

Beethoven Overture: Fidelio

BBC Philharmonic, conductor Juanjo Mena 3.00 Stravinsky Symphony of Psalms BBC National Orchestra and Chorus of Wales, conductor Sofi Jeannin Crusell Introduction and Variations on a Swedish Song Martin Frost, director Royal Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra (clarinet)

Moberg Sunrise Ulster Orchestra, conductor Jac van Steen

Zawinul Birdland Wallberg Band, conductor Ivan Meylemans

**4.10 Sibelius** *Finlandia*BBC NOW, conductor Thomas Sondergaard

4.30 The Listening Service Rptd from Sun 5pm

## Scala Radio

DAB scalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Charles Nove Music and features. 10.00 Penny Smith Including at 11.30 a guest from the world of arts and culture. Plus requests from 12.00. 1.00pm Sam Hughes With popular classical works. 4.00 Richard Allinson Music and features. 7.00 Classical Bangers With Darren Redick. 10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music.1.00am Night Music 5.00 In the Park

## **Asian Network**

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork

F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am Asian Network Fresh 7.00 Nikita Kanda 8.00 All Star DJ Takeover 3.00pm The Official Asian Music Chart: presentedby Nayha 5.00 All Star DJ Takeover 12.00 Desi Dancefloor Mix: with the Paniabi Hit Squad 1.00am Pure Spice with DJ Manara: new Asian sounds 4.00 Asian Network Fresh

#### **5.00 In Tune**

Katie Derham welcomes folk singer Bella Hardy.

#### 7.00 Classical Mixtape

#### 7.30 Radio 3 in Concert

From the Barbican in London, Martin Handley LIVE introduces the BBC Symphony Orchestra in music by Nielsen and Sibelius's Sixth and Seven Symphonies, joined by Johan Dalene in the UK premiere of Tebogo Monnakgotla's violin concerto. , Johan Dalene (viólin), BBC Sýmphony Orchestra, conductor Sakari Oramo

Nielsen An Imaginary Journey to the Faroe Islands

Tebogo Monnakgotla

Globe Skimmer Surfing the Somali Jet (BBC co-commission: first UK performance) Sibelius Symphony No 6; Symphony No 7

#### 10.00 The Verb

A special edition hosted by London-born rapper and playwright Testament (Andy Brooks), who celebrates 50 years of hip-hop culture with fellow rapper Jehst (William Shield), writer and spoken word performer Michelle Scally Clarke and hip-hop luminary Paul Edmeade (aka Oddball). They discuss the poetics of raps, rhymes and flows, and reflect on hip-hop's influence on the literary world and beyond.

#### 10.45 The Essay: The Enormous **Condescension of Posterity**

5/5. In this final piece, writer Natasha Carthew draws on her own experiences of growing up in rural poverty to explore the personal resonances of EP Thompson's classic work.

## 11.00 Late Junction

Verity Sharp marks this week's 50th anniversary of the release of Robin Hardy's cult British folk horror film The Wicker Man, whose influential soundtrack weaves together traditional song, nursery rhymes, psychedelic folk, Robert Burns's ballads and medieval polyphony. Tonight's playlist includes dark eerie folk, sonic rituals and pagan techno as well as ballads of seduction, fertility and ritual slaughter. Plus a mixtape from composer Gary Carpenter, who worked as the associate music director on the film and assembled (for the movie) the band Magnet, who performed most of the soundtrack's music composed by New York singer/songwriter Paul Giovanni (1933–90).

1.00am Composed with Devonté Hynes

Another chance to hear from a series first broadcast in the spring, presented by indie R&B singer/songwriter and producer Devonté Hynes (aka Blood Orange). (R)

## 2.00 Gameplay with Baby Queen

A playlist featuring highlights of video game scores by Austin Wintory (Journey), Koji Kondo (The Legend of Zelda) and Woody Jackson (Red Dead Redemption 2). (R)

#### 3.00 Through the Night

With Jonathan Swain, who starts with a concert recorded in December 2022 at the Philharmonie in Berlin. CPE Bach Symphony in G, Wg183 No 4; Cello Concerto in A, Wg172 Bach Preludio (Violin Partita No 3 in E, BWV1006)
CPE Bach Symphony No 1 in D Rebel Chaos (Les élémens) Haydn Symphony No 98 in B flat Mario Brunello (cello), Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra, conductor Ton Koopman 4.22 Beethoven Violin Sonata No 9 in A, Op 47 (Kreutzer)
4.55 Haydn Divertimento in G, H IV 4 (London Trio No 4)
5.01 Noskowski Overture: Mr Zolzikiewicz
5.08 Allegri Primo ballo della notte d'amore; Sinfonica
(Spirito del ciel) 5.18 Mozart Horn Concerto No 3 in E

flat, K447 **5.33 Fanny Mendelssohn** Allegro moderato (Vier Lieder für das Pianoforte, Op 8) **5.39 Holst** St Paul's Suite, Op 29 No 2 **5.53 Froberger** Toccata V in D minor **5.59 Ginastera** Variaciones concertantes, Op 23 **6.24 Sibelius** Six Impromptus, Op 5 **6.41 Respighi** Ancient Airs and Dances: Suite No 2 Revised repeat

## Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

6.00am More Music Breakfast With Tim Lihoreau. 9.00 Alexander Armstrong

12.00 Anne-Marie Minhall Including at 12.00 Classic FM Requests – with listeners phoning in requests – and at 3.00 Hall of Fame 3 at 3, featuring

three works from the current Classic Hall of Fame chart. 4.00pm Sam Pittis Classic FM favourites. 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven With Zeb Soanes.

10.00 Calm Classics With Ritula Shah. 1.00am Katie Breathwick 4.00 Sam Pittis

## Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk

Freeview 727 Freesat 724 Sky 0107 Virgin 915

6.00am Dave Berry 10.00 Virtual Office Party 4.00pm Bush and Richie 7.00 Virtual Office Party 10.00 Sophie K 4.00am Emil Franchi



## 8 DECEMBER FRIDAY

## **BBC Radio 4**

#### 92.4-94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW) Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

News, weather and shipping forecasts as Tuesday

#### 5.30am News Briefing

**5.43 Prayer for the Day** A reflection and prayer with the Very Rev Dr David Bruce.

**5.45 Farming Today**News about food, farming and the countryside.

**5.58 Tweet of the Day**Chris Watson presents the sound the brambling. (R)

#### **6.00 Today**

Presented by Amol Rajan and Justin Webb.

#### 6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 6.45 Yesterday in Parliament

7.48 Thought for the Day

## With the Rev Jayne Manfredi.

8.31 LW Yesterday in Parliament An update on the latest political proceedings

## 9.00 Desert Island Discs

## 9.45 FM Book of the Week: The Years

5/5. Annie Frnaux's multifaceted autobiography of the years 1941–2006. As the 21st century approaches, Ernaux's chronicle reaches its final chapter. Read by Sian Thomas. For details see Monday Repeated 12.30am

#### 9.45 LW Daily Service

Led by Leslie Griffiths. Isaiah 40, vv1,3,5,8-11. On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry, sung by the congregation of King's College Cambridge; The King of Love My Shepherd Is, sung by Cambridge Singers; Lo He Comes with Clouds Descending, sung by the congregation of St John's College Cambridge.

## 10.00 Woman's Hour

Presented by Anita Rani

#### 11.00 The Briefing Room Repeated from yesterday

#### 11.30 Disordered

New series. 1/4. Free-Fall. Free Food Comedy drama by Magnus Mackintosh about a single father coping with the rigours of daily life. Today Hector has trouble with an unsympathetic job adviser and his callous landlady, and ends up having to use the food bank - where he has a fiery encounter.

Jamie Sives Thresher Steven McNicoll Hector Rosalind Sydney Cleaver Gail Watson Man Anita Vettesse Gordon Kennedy Amanda

William Raffi Philips
Producers/Directors Gordon Kennedy and Moray Hunter

## 12.04pm AntiSocial

5/7. Adam Fleming investigates an issue being fiercely debated across social media, blogs, talk shows and phone-ins. He finds out how it all began, fact-checks claims and counter-claims, hears from people whose voices are often drowned out and slows down the debate to give listeners a better understanding of what the noise is all about. Producer Lucy Proctor; Executive producer Emma Rippon Repeated Wednesday 8pm

#### 1.00 The World at One

Analysis of news and current affairs, presented by Jonny Dymond.

#### 1.45 Empire of Tea

5/10. Innovation, Espionage and Propaganda. Until 1833 the tea drunk in Britain had come from China, imported by the East India Company. Then the company lost its monopoly on Chinese tea, so looked to grow its own in British India. As it wasn't exactly sure how to do this, the botanist Robert Fortune was sent on an undercover mission to China. His work, combined with some surprising discoveries of tea closer to home, and mass. marketing and propaganda, helped develop India's huge tea industry in places like Assam and Darjeeling. At Kew Gardens, Mark Nesbitt and Aurora Prehn tell Sathnam Sanghera about how this shift from China to India changed the international tea trade for ever.

## 2.00 The Archers

## 2.15 Drama: English Rose

2/5. Beware of the Dog. Fantasy horror by Helen Cross, Rose is afraid of what she started and Maya is unstoppable. All episodes are available on BBC Sounds.

Alexandra Mardell Dakota Rhiannon Neads Kitty O'Sullivan Mava Miranda Braun Alina Demetri Goritsas Gully
Deirdre Mullins Gym owner Bruce Casswel Austin Siobhan Martin Bonger Delphine Yasemin Ozdemir Englishman Jane Thornton Angry man Mam Douglas Hodgson Jack **Tyler Cameron**Director Mary Ward-Lowery

#### 2.45 Multitrack: Nameless Mothers

Continuing the series of Radio 4 programmes commissioned as part of the Multitrack Fellowship for audio producers, three women open up about the taboo subject of regretting motherhood, sharing their feelings of loneliness, failure and shame, and the pressure they faced to have children. Producer Riham Moussa; Executive producer Eve Stree

## 3.00 Gardeners' Question Time

Chair Kathy Clugston is joined by Chris Thorogood, Anne Swithinbank and Matthew Wilson, to answer listeners' queries about all aspects of horticulture. Producer Dan Cocker Repeated Sunday 2pm

## 3.45 Radio 4 Christmas Appeal: Making a Difference Repeated from Sunday 9.45am

## 4.00 Last Word

Matthew Bannister presents the programme that profiles the lives of the recently deceased. Producer Gareth Nelson Davies Repeated Sunday 8.30pm

## 4.30 Feedback

9/11. Andrea Catherwood fields listeners' responses to BBC radio programmes. Producer Gill Davies Repeated Sunday 8pm ADDRESS: Feedback, PO Box 67234, London SEIP 4AX PHONE: 0333 344 4544 EMAIL: feedback@bbc.co.uk

**5.00 PM** Presented by Leila Nathoo.

## **BBC Radio 4 Extra**

#### DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910

6.00am Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs 6.30 Three Act Tragedy By Agatha Christie (5/5) 7.00 The Offing Coming-of-age drama (10/10) 7.15 The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend 7.30 Between Ourselves with Marian Keyes **8.00 Albert and Me** 1977 sitcom (6/9) **8.30 Rent** Lucy Flannery's comedy (4/6) **9.00 The Food Quiz** With Jay Rayner in 2005 (3/6) **9.30 Plum House** 2016 comedy (6/6)

10.00 Cutting Edge By John Harvey (3/3) 11.00 Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs 11.30 Three Act Tragedy By Agatha Christie (5/5) 12.00 The Offing Coming-of-age drama (10/10) 12.15pm The Readers of Broken Wheel

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2.00 The Food Quiz With Jay Rayner in 2005 (3/6) **2.30 Plum House** 2016 comedy (6/6) **3.00 Cutting Edge** By John Harvey (3/3)

**4.00 Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs** Dramatisation by Michael Hardwick of Arthur Conan Doyle's 1893 mystery The Final Problem **4.30 Three Act Tragedy** By Agatha Christie (5/5) **5.00 The Offing** Coming-of-age drama (10/10)

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8.00 The Best Exotic Etiquette Academy The demand for British etiquette around the world **8.30 Soul Music** A celebration of the hugely popular standard *The Way You Look Tonight*, co-written by Jerome Kern and Dorothy Fields and most associated with Fred Astaire's 1936 US number one. From 2016 (3/5)

9.00 The Curious Cases of Rutherford and Fry

Science sleuths Dr Adam Rutherford and Dr Hannah Fry investigate everyday mysteries. From 2021 **9.30 Doctor Who: the War Doctor** David Llewellyn's adventure The Shadow Vortex (1/2) 10.00-12.00 Comedy Club: The Thirteer Million Club. at 10.30 Wondermentalist

Cabaret (2/4), 10.55 The Comedy Club Interview, at 11.00 On the Hour (5/6), and at **11.30 Weak at the Top** (1/4) **12.00 The Double** Jonathan Holloway's 21stcentury-set reimagining of Fyodor Dostoyevsky's second novel. With Joseph Millson **1.00am** as 3pm

**2.00** as 4pm **2.30** as 4.30pm **3.00** as 5pm **3.15** as 5.15pm **3.30** as 5.30pm **4.00** as 6pm 4.30 as 6.30pm 5.00 as 7pm 5.30 as 7.30pm

## 6.00 Six o'Clock News

#### 6.30 The Now Show

6/6. Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis are joined by guest comedian Geoff Norcott and music act Peter Rugman for a satirical look through the week's news.

Producer Sasha Bobak Repeated tomorrow 12.30pm

#### 7.00 The Archers

The fate of one family is sealed as the auction takes place, while Lilian drops a bombshell. Brian Aldridge Eddie Grundy Trevor Harrison Charles Collingwood Emma Grundy

Emerald O'Hanrahan Natasha Archer Mali Harries Natasha Archer Mali Harries Emeraiu v naturationi Tomy Archer David Troughton Jakob Hakansson Paul Venables Lilian Bellamy Justin Elliott Sunny Ormonde Kate Madikane Perdita Avery Justin Elliott Simon Williams Oliver Sterling Michael Cochrane Clarrie Grundy **Heather Bell** Graham Writer Keri Davies; Director Pip Swallow Malcolm McKee Editor Jeremy Howe

## 7.15 Add to Playlist

9/9. Violinist and composer Anna Phoebe and the tuba player and composer Theon Cross join Cerys Matthews and Jeffrey Boakye to add more tracks to the playlist that spans the breadth of all musical styles, from pop, rock, reggae and hip-hop to classical, jazz, folk and country. Producer Jerome Weatherald Repeated tomorrow 10.15pm

#### 8.00 Any Questions?

Don Gilet

Alex Forsyth chairs the political forum from St Matthew's Church in Burnley, Lancashire, where an audience canvasses the opinions of four leading figures from across politics. business and public life. Producer Camellia Sinclair Repeated tomorrow 1.10pm

#### 8.50 A Point of View

A reflection on a topical issue. Repeated Sunday 8.48am

#### 9.00 Empire of Tea

1/2. Omnibus edition of the week's episodes from the series in which Sathnam Sanghera tells the story of the national drink.

#### 10.00 The World Tonight

International news round-up with Shaun Ley. 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Miss Buncle's

# 10/10. By DE Stevenson. With her confession

roundly ignored, Barbara has little choice but to pick up her pen and write once more. After the success of her first book, Arthur Abbott is delighted. Read by Madeleine Worrall. For details see Monday

## 11.00 Americast

Justin Webb, Sarah Smith, Marianna Spring and Anthony "The Zurch" Zurcher explore the huge cultural and social stories that define political debate in the US.

11.30 Today in Parliament 12.00 News and Weather 12.30-12.45am Book of the Week: The Years Repeated from 9.45am (FM only)

## **BBC World Service**

#### DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

1.00 as BBC World Service

Freeview\* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906

Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin 5.00am Newsday 8.00 News 8.05 Hardtalk 8.30 Business Daily 8.50 Witness History 9.00 The Newsroom 9.30 Science in Action 10.00 News 10.05 The Real Story 11.00 The Newsroom 11.30 CHOICE: Heart and Soul: Farrah Jarral visits Saraievo, where she hears stories of Jews and Muslims living together, and views a 700-year-old Jewish prayer book whose message seems to mirror that sentiment **12.00** News 12.05pm The Fifth Floor 12.50 Witness History 1.00 The Newsroom 1.30 Science in Action **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Hardtalk **3.30** World Business Report **4.00** BBC OS **6.00** News **6.05** The Fifth Floor **6.50** Witness History: the release of controversial video game Doom in 1993 **7.00** The Newsroom **7.30** Sport Today **8.00** News **8.05** BBC OS Conversations **8.30** Crowd Science **9.00** Newshour **10.00** The Newsroom 10.20 Sports News 10.30 World Business Report 11.00 News 11.05 Hardtalk 11.30 CHOICE: Heart and Soul 12.00 News 12.05am The Real Story 1.00 News 1.05 Business Matters 2.00 The Newsroom 2.30 Stumped 3.00 News 3.05 The Fifth Floor 3.50

## BBC Radio 5 Live

#### 693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive

F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905 Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

**News** and **sport** bulletin every half-hour Times vary during live sports coverage

5.00am Wake Up to Money 6.00 5 Live Breakfast 9.00 Nicky Campbell 11.00 Chiles on Friday 1.00pm Defoe and Deeney Football Firsts Jermain Defoe and Troy

#### 1.30 My Mate's a Footballer

Lifelong Gillingham fan Joe Wilkinson realises his dream of becoming friends with a footballer.

Deeney recall their first World Cups.

**2.00 Elis James and John Robins** Myriad cultural topics, with laughs. 4.00 5 Live Drive With Tony Livesey and Clare McDonnell.
7.00 5 Live Sport

Sports news and features, including at 7.00 The Friday Football Social, with Darren Fletcher and guests previewing the weekend's action. At **9.00 72+**, featuring Aaron Paul and Jobi McAnuff with the latest news and analysis from the EFL. And at **8.00 Match of the Day: Top 10**, with Gary Lineker, Ian Wright and Alan Shearer ranking last-minute goals.

10.00 Stephen Nolan 1.00am Anna Jameson

## **BBC 5 Sports Extra**

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra  $\textbf{F'view} \ 706 \ \textbf{F'sat} \ \bar{706} \ \textbf{Sky} \ 0131 \ \textbf{Virgin} \ 908$ 

8.10-11.30am Cricket Commentary on Sydney Sixers v Melbourne Renegade in the Big Bash League 9.45pm-10.00 Rugby Union

Live commentary on Glasgow Warriors v Northampton Saints. Radio 5 Live: Contact individual

programmes via the website at bbc.co.uk/5live. TELEPHONE: 0808 590 9693 TEXT: 85058 (standard rate)

## **Talksport**

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927 6.00am Talksport Breakfast Presented by Alan Brazil. 10.00 Jim White and Simon Jordan Sporting insight. 1.00pm Hawksbee and Jacobs **4.00 Talksport Drive** With Andy Goldstein and Darren Bent. 7.00 GameDay Countdown

Debate on trending sport issues.

10.00 Sports Bar 1.00am Extra Time with Martin Kelner Topical discussion.

## Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk 1.00pm-3.00 Racing Commentary from Sedgefield. **7.00–10.00 Championship** 

**Football** Coventry City v Birmingham City (kick-off **8.00**).

#### **LBC**

97.3 FM (London area) DAB lbc.co.uk **F'view** 732 **F'sat** 734 **Sky** 0123 **Virgin** 919 **7.00am** Nick Ferrari **10.00** James O'Brien **1.00pm** Shelagh Fogarty **4.00** Tom Swarbrick **6.00** Lewis Goodall **9.00** Dean Dunham **10.00** Nick Abbot **1.00am** Clive Bull **4.00** Oli Dugmore

## **Times Radio**

## DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

5.00am . James Hanson 6.00 Chloe Tilley and Calum Macdonald **10.00** Matt Chorley **1.00pm** Ruth Davidson **4.00** Cathy Newman 7.00 Ed Vaizey 10.00 Henry Bonsu 1.00am Stories of Our Times 1.30 Red Box 2.00 Highlights

\*Not available on Freeview in Scotland 4pm-1am. **Key** (R) Repeat



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## Face behind the voice

## **Matt Chorley**

## Times Radio



**Age** 41 **Current job** Presenter of Times Radio's mid-mornina show (weekdays 10am-1pm). "It's

People say, 'Your show is like nothing I've ever heard before.' That's because I didn't go to university, I started out on local papers, I worked for MailOnline where you've got to sell political stories up against Kim Kardashian's bottom and the latest grisly murder - and I've done stand-up comedy." CV Born in Taunton, Somerset. "I did my A-levels, then got some paid work experience at the Taunton Times. Then they said. 'We'll train you.' I never looked back." He worked for the Press Association, Western Morning News, Independent on Sunday and MailOnline, before joining The Times in 2016 to write a political newsletter and host the Red Box podcast. His Times Radio show began in 2020.

Around 2002, he and two friends, Will Kenning and Lewis Georgeson, formed Big Day Out, performing sketches in pubs, then in 2005 at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. "Then we got proper jobs and girlfriends, but it was always something I wanted to go back to." He did an hour of political stand-up at the Cheltenham Literature Festival in 2018 and has done two tours: This Is Not Normal (2019) and Who Is in Charge Here? (2022). This led to two appearances on Have I Got News For You?

His book Planes, Trains and Toilet Doors has just been published. He also hosts the latest Times podcast. How to Win an Election. Social media – yes or no? "I do use it. I'm biggest on Twitter/X, where I've got over 100,000 followers. But I'd rather it were less dreadful.' Best moment "The UK Space Agency took me to a centrifuge so I could experience the G-force. On the radio it was just me making a lot of silly noises. But it was a lot of fun." Worst moment "During the second lockdown in 2021 I was asked if I could do the show from

home. I did two and a half hours of radio holding a phone to my ear - at the end, when I tried to put it down, I found my arm had locked!" Off air Lives in Fleet, Hampshire, with his wife Alvson, their 14-yearold daughter and their golden retriever. "I like my vegetable patch at the bottom of the garden. I've had a very productive year." First radio memory "When I was

young, the family used to pack into a transit van at weekends to go to motocross events and I remember DLT and the 'quack-quack-oops' quiz on Sunday mornings.'

Favourite broadcasters "Chris Evans gave me so much really useful advice about the art of radio. And I love Dermot O'Leary's show on Radio 2."

Ambition/Dream job "I'd like to be on Michael McIntyre's The Wheel. I annoy my family by getting the questions right." Secret skills "A detailed

knowledge of Elton John album tracks." DAVID MCGILLIVRAY

thetimes.co.uk/radio

Rodriguez **6.00 Mon:** Sport; Tue: Framed; Wed: Babs Michel; Thu: Upload; Fri: Fans Phonein 6.30 Tue: Babs Michel 7.00 Mon: Farzana Chaudry: Fri: Angelle Joseph 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-lam (Tue: 10.30): Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good Gloucestershire

10.00 Ben Fryer 2pm Akylah

#### Saturday

6am Caroline Martin 10.00 Andy Bennett 2pm Matchday 6.00 Upload 8.00 Introducing **10.00**—**1am** Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Caroline Martin 10.00 Andy Bennett 2pm Dominic Cotter 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

## Monday-Friday

6am Jon Smith 10.00 Nicky Price 2pm Chris Baxter: Fri: Graham Rogers 6.00 Mon: Sport; Tue: Scrum; Wed: Dan Pascoe; Thu: Upload; Fri: Sport 7.00 Mon: Manny Masih; Tue: Dan Pascoe; Fri: Kevin Philemon 8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.30 Wed: Mums Without Makeup 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

## Guernsey

## Saturday

6am Sarah Bailey 10.00 Jim Delbridge **2pm** Warren Muggleton **6.00** Stereo Underground 8.00 Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

## Sunday

6am Matthew Price 10.00 Jim Delbridge **2pm** Sarah Bailey 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

## Monday-Friday

6am Tim Hunter 10.00 Steph Watkins **2pm** Darcy Kelly **6.00 Mon:** James Dundon; **Tue/Wed:** Dan Pascoe; Thu: Introducing; Fri: John Randall 8.00 Thu: Stereo Underground 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

## Hereford/Worcester

## Saturday

6am Lorna Bailey 10.00 Liz Ellis 2.00 Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am . Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Donna Alos 10.00 Liz Ellis 2pm Paula White 6.00 Gagan Grewal 10.00-1am Becky Want

## Monday-Friday

6am Tammy Gooding 10.00 Elliott Webb 2pm Toni McDonald 6.00 Mon/Fri: Sport; Tue/Wed: Arun Verma; Thu: Upload 7.00 Mon/Fri: Gagan Grewal 7.40 Tue: Sport Special 8.00 Thu: BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want: Fri: Jo Good

## Humberside

## Saturday

6am Filie Brennan 10.00 Sean

6am Ellie Brennan 10.00 Sean Honevwell 6.00 Dotun Adebavo

#### Monday-Friday

6am Kofi Smiles; Mon: Fiona  ${\sf Mills}\, \textbf{9.05}\, \textbf{Fri:}\, \mathsf{Kofi's}\, \mathsf{Good}\, \mathsf{Things}$ 10.00 Carla Greene 2pm Richard Stead 6.00 Sportstalk 7.00 Mon: Arzu Dutta; Tue: Bek Homer; Wed: John Kane; Thu: Upload; Fri: Sile Sibanda 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

## Jersey

## Saturday

6am Sarah Bailey 10.00 Jim Delbridge 2pm Warren Muggleton 6.00 Stereo Underground 8.00 Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

## Sunday

6am Matthew Price 10.00 Jim Delbridge 2pm Sarah Bailey **6.00** Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

## Monday-Friday

6am Jenny Mullin; Mon: Sarah Bailey 10.00 Alison Moss 2pm Darcy Kelly 6.00 Mon: James Dundon; Tue/Wed: Dan Pascoe; Thu: Introducing; Fri: John Randall 8.00 Thu: Stereo Underground 10.00-1am Becky Want: Fri: Jo Good

#### Kent

#### Saturday

6am Allison Ferns 10.00 Stephen Brown **2pm** Sports Hub 6.00 Unload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-lam Jo Good

## Sunday

6am Allison Ferns 10.00 Pat Marsh **2pm** Erika North **6.00** Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Bill Rennells

#### Monday-Friday

6am Wake Up 10.00 Dominic King 2pm Adam Dowling 6.00 Mon: Game Changers; Tue/Wed: Stephen Brown; Thu: Upload; Fri: The Huddle **7.00 Mon:** Rena Annobil; Fri: Dan Simpson 8.00 Thu: BBC Introducing 9.00 Wed: Kathy Caton 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

## Lancashire

## Saturday

6am Paul Beesley 10.00 Hayley Kay 2pm Matchday Live 6.00 Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

## Sunday

6am Joe Wilson 10.00 Hayley Kay 2pm Billy Hui 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

## Monday-Friday

6am Graham Liver 10.00 Sharon Hartley **2pm** Nishma Hindocha **6.00** Sport; **Tue:** Matchnight 7.00 Mon: Raees Khan; Wed: Joel Mitchell; Thu: Upload 8.00 Thu: Introducing; Fri: Rachel Teate 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

## Leeds

## Saturday

6am Kat Cowan 10.00 Nick Ahad 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

## Sunday

6am Kat Cowan 10.00 Becky Measures 2pm Sile Sibanda 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

## Berkshire Saturday

6am Lucy Ambache 10.00 Alice Hopkins 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

## Sunday

6am Katie Tyler 10.00 Alice Hopkins 1pm Sport 4.00 Tony Blackburn 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Bill Rennells

#### Monday-Friday

6am Kirsten O'Brien; Mon: Andrew Peach 10.00 Sarah Walker 2pm Bridgitte Tetteh 6.00 Mon: Sport; Tue/Wed: Stephen Brown: Thu: Upload: Fri: Kick-Off 7.00 Mon: Rena Annobil; Fri: Andy Jones 8.00 Thu: BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

## Bristol

## Saturday

6am Caroline Martin 10.00 Andy Bennett 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good Sunday

6am Caroline Martin 10.00 Andy Bennett 1pm Sport 6.00 Dotun Adebavo 10.00-1am Becky Want Monday-Friday

6am Joe Sims 10.00 John Darvall 2pm Claire Carter; Fri: Andy Bennett 6.00 Mon: Sound of the City; **Tue:** Pavilion; **Wed:** Sports Store: Thu: Having a Gas: Fri: Sport 7.00 Mon: Manny

Masih; Tue/Wed: Dan Pascoe; Thu: Upload; Fri: Kevin Philemon and Andrew Hartley 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

## Cambridgeshire

Saturday 6am Babs Michel 10.00 Amir Suleman **2pm** Pre-Match 3.00 Sport 5.00 Post-Match 6.00 Upload 8.00 Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

## Sunday

6am Babs Michel 10.00 Amir Suleman 2pm John Leech Soul Show **6.00** Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

## Monday-Friday

6am Dotty McLeod 10.00 Chris Mann 2pm Louise Hulland 6.00 Sport: Tue/Wed: Babs Michel 7.00 Mon: Farzana Chaudry; Thu: Upload; Fri: Angelle Joseph 8.00 Thu: BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

## Cornwall

## Saturday

6am Mel Osborne 10.00 Daytime **2pm** Sport **6.00** Dan Pascoe 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Faith Programme 10.00 Mid Morning **2pm** Afternoon Show 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

## Monday-Friday

6am James Churchfield 10.00 Julie Skentelbery: Mon: Emma Gill 2pm David White 6.00 Dan Pascoe: Mon: Anoushka Williams 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

## Cumbria

## Saturday

6am Breakfast Show 10.00 Morning Show 2pm Sport

#### **6.00** Upload **8.00** Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

# Sunday

6am Breakfast Show 10.00 Morning Show 2pm The Afternoon Show 6.00 Evening Show 10.00-1am Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Darren Milby; Mon: Stephanie Finnon 10.00 Stephanie Finnon; Mon: Pete Moss 2pm Afternoon Show 6.00 Sport; Wed: Evenin g Show; **Thu:** Upload **7.00** Mon/Fri: Evening Show 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

## CWR

## Saturday

6am Lorna Bailey 10.00 Elise Evans 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

## Sunday

6am Donna Alos 10.00 Elise Evans 2pm Paula White 6.00 Gagan Grewal 8.00 Nikki Tapper 10.00-1am Becky Want

## Monday-Friday

6am Phil Upton 10.00 Vic Minett 2pm Trish Adudu 6.00 Sport; Mon: Fancast: Fri: Sound of the Sky Blues **7.00 Mon:** Gagan Grewal; Tue/Wed: Arun Verma: Thu: Upload: Fri: Sport 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want: Fri: Jo Good

## Derby

## Saturday

6am Becky Measures 10.00 Dino 12.00 Sportscene 3.00 Susan Hanks 6.00 Dean Jackson 10.00-1am Jo Good

## Sunday

6am Kelly Hinch 10.00 Dino 2pm Dean Jackson 6.00 Gagan Grewal 8.00 Nikki Tapper 10.00-1am Becky Want

## Monday-Friday

6am Andy Twigge 10.00 Ian Skye 2pm Ben Jackson 6.00 Sportscene 7.00 Mon: Shruti Chauhan; Tue/Wed: Arun Verma: Thu: Dean Jackson; Fri: Letitia George 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Devon

## Saturday

6am Mel Osborne 10.00 Jack Murley 2pm Sport 6.00 Dan Pascoe 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Mel Oshorne 10.00, Jack Murley 2pm Toby Buckland 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

## Monday-Friday

6am John Acres 10.00 Caroline Densley 2pm David White **6.00** Dan Pascoe; **Mon:** Anoushka Williams 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### Essex

#### Saturday

6am Babs Michel 10.00 Sadie Nine 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

## Sunday

6am Babs Michel 10.00 Paul Lovett 2pm John Leech 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want Monday-Friday 6am Mon/Thu/Fri: Sonia

Watson; Tue/Wed: Ian Wyatt

Dunderdale 2pm Sport 5.00 Football 6.00 Upload 8.00 Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

## Sunday

Dunderdale 2pm Sarah-Jane 10.00-1am Becky Want

6am Donna Alos 10.00 Liz

Ellis 2pm Paula White 6.00

Tapper 10.00-1am Becky Want

Gagan Grewal 8.00 Nikki

6am Lee Blakeman 10.00

McDonald 6.00 Sport; Fri:

Verma; Thu: Upload; Fri:

Merisha Stevenson 8.00

Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

Suffolk

Saturday

Sunday

Praise and Grumble **7.00 Mon:** 

Gagan Grewal; Tue/Wed: Arun

Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am

6am Babs Michel 10.00 Amir

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6am Wayne Bavin 10.00 Sarah

Lilley 2pm Louise Hulland 6.00

Mon: Tractor Social; Tue/Wed:

Babs Michel: Thu: Upload: Fri:

Chaudry; Fri: Angelle Joseph

8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-

1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

**BBC Surrey and** 

6am Allison Ferns 10.00

Stephen Brown 2pm Tim

6am Allison Ferns 10.00

6.00 Dotun Adebayo

Monday-Friday

10.00-1am Becky Want

Pat Marsh 2pm Erika North

6am Surrey: James Cannon;

Sussex: Danny Pike 10.00

Sarah Gorrell: Mon: Kevin

Duala **2pm** Adam Dowling

6.00 Mon: Game Changers:

Tue/Wed: Stephen Brown;

Thu: Leo Ulph; Fri: Sporting

Preview 7.00 Mon: Rena

Annobil; Fri: Dan Simpson

8.00 Thu: Introducina 9.00

Tue: Sussex: Sport Focus: Wed:

Durrans 6.00 Upload 8.00

Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

**BBC Sussex** 

Saturday

Sunday

Sport 7.00 Mon: Farzana

Suleman 2pm John Leech

Suleman 2pm Matchday

8.00 BBC Introducing

10.00-1am Jo Good

6.00 Dotun Adebayo

Monday-Friday

10.00-1am Becky Want

Stuart George **2pm** Toni

Monday-Friday

Sunday

Mon: Non League Show; Tue/ Fri: Sport; Wed: Babs Michel; Thu: Upload 7.00 Mon: Farzana Chaudry; Fri: Angelle Joseph 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

6am Caroline Martin 10.00 Andy Bennett 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 Introducing

10.00-1am Jo Good Sunday 6am Caroline Martin 10.00 Andy Bennett 2pm Dominic

6am Ben Prater 10.00 Sue Davies 2pm Chris Baxter: Fri: Graham Rogers 6.00 Mon/Fri: Sport; **Tue/Wed:** Dan Pascoe; Thu: Upload 7.00 Mon: Manny Masih; Fri: Kevin Philemon 8.00 Thu: BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

6am Lorna Bailey 10.00 Elise Evans 12.00 Sport 6pm Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

Sunday 6am Donna Alos 10.00 Elise Evans 1.45pm Sport 4.00 Paula White 6.00 Gagan Grewal 8.00 Nikki Tapper

10.00-1am Jo Good

6am Caroline Martin 10.00

10.00-1am Becky Want

Monday-Friday

Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

Philipson 2pm Scott Makin 6.00 Sport 7.00 Mon: Emma Millen; Tue: Jade Burns; Wed: Joel Mitchell; Thu: Upload; Fri: Rachel Teate 8.00 Thu: BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

Three Counties

Beds, Herts and Bucks Saturday

6am Babs Michel 10.00 Justin Dealey 2pm Sport 5.00 5-0-5 6.00 Upload 8.00 Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

6am Babs Michel 10.00 Justin Dealey **2pm** Paul Lovett **4.00**John Leech Soul Show **6.00** 

Cotter 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

10.00-1am Becky Want Monday-Friday

6am Rakeem Omar 10.00 Kathryn Stanczyszyn; **Fri:** Mollie Green 2pm Natalie Graham 6.00 Phone-in; Thu: Upload 7.00 Mon: Community; Tue/Wed/Fri: Sport; Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am (Wed: 11.30) Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

#### York

Saturday

Sunday

6am Kat Cowan 10.00 Becky Measures **2pm** Sile Sibanda 6.00 Dotun Adebayo

10.00-1am Becky Want

Monday-Friday

6am Georgey Spanswick 10.00 Joanita Musisi; **Fri:** Bek Homer 2pm Toby Foster 6.00 Sport 7.00 Mon: Arzu Dutta; Tue: Bek Homer; Wed: John Kane;

## Monday-Friday

6am Rima Ahmed 10.00 Gayle Lofthouse 2pm Toby Foster 6.00 Sport 7.00 Mon: Arzu Dutta; **Tue:** Bek Homer; Wed: John Kane; Thu: Upload; Fri: Sile Sibanda 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

## Leicester

## Saturday

6am Becky Measures 10.00 Early kick-off 11.00 Sport 2pm Trent Hutson 6.00 The Beat 10.00-1am Jo Good

## Sunday

6am Kelly Hinch 10.00 Dino 2pm Sport 6.00 Gagan Grewal 8.00 Nikki Tapper 10.00-1am Becky Want

## Monday-Friday

6am Ady Dayman 10.00 Summava Mughal 2pm Ben Jackson 6.00 Mon: Football Forum; Tue: Game Night; Wed: Rugby Show; Thu: Boot Room; Fri: Preview 7.00 Mon: Shruti Chauhan: Tue/Wed: Arun Verma: Thu: Dean Jackson: Fri: Letitia George 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

## Lincolnshire

## Saturday

6am Ellie Brennan 10.00 Sean Dunderdale 2pm Hope and Glory **6.00** The Beat **8.00** Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Ellie Brennan 10.00 Sean Dunderdale 2pm Ross Carrick **6.00** Country Lincs **7.00** Folk 10.00-1am Becky Want

## Monday-Friday

6am Scott Dalton 10.00 Frances Finn; Fri: Sean Dunderdale 2pm Richard Stead 6.00 In the Game: Tue/Fri: Hope and Glory 7.00 Mon: Arzu Dutta; Wed: John Kane; Thu: Upload; Fri: Sile Sibanda 8.00 Thu: BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

## London

## Saturday

5am Claira Hermet 7.00 Carrie and David Grant 10.00 Robert Elms1pm Women's Sports 2.00 Sport 6.00 Gary Crowley 8.00 Introducing 10.00 Jo Good 1am-5.00 Greg McKenzie

## Sunday

5am Claira Hermet 6.00 Inspirit 9.00 Robert Elms 12.00 Gaby Roslin 3pm Kath Melandri 6.00 Tony Blackburn 7.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00 Becky Want 1am-5.00 Dotun Adebayo

## Monday-Friday

5am Jason Rosam 7.00 Salma El-Wardany; Fri: Riz Lateef 10.00 Eddie Nestor; Fri: Robert Elms 2pm Shay Grewal: Fri: Jumoké Fashola 6.00 Sport 8.00 The Scene 10.00 Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good 1am-5.00 Dotun Adebayo; Fri: Laura McGhie

## Manchester

## Saturday

6am Phil Trow 10.00 Simone Riley 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 10.00-1am Jo Good

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#### Sunday

All England regions

6am Phil Trow 10.00 Simone Riley **2pm** Sport **7.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00—1am** Becky Want

#### Monday-Friday

6am Anna Jameson 10.00 Mike Sweeney; Fri: Joe McGrath 2pm Michelle Dignan; Thu/ Fri: Simone Riley 6.00 Sport 7.00 Mon: Raees Khan: Tue: Jade Burns; Wed: Sport; Thu: Upload; Fri: UK Black 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

## Merseyside

## Saturday

6am Paul Beesley 10.00 Sean Styles **2pm** Sport **8.00** BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

## Sunday

6am Joe Wilson 10.00 Sean Styles 1.30pm Total Sport 2.00 DAB Billy Hui 5.00 Billy Hui 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

## Monday-Friday

6am Phil Munns; Fri: Lisa Marrey 10.00 Tony Snell 2pm Helen Jones 6.00 Total Sport 7.00 Wed/Thu: Total Sport 8.00 Mon: Raees Khan; Tue: Jade Burns: Wed: DAB Joel Mitchell; Thu: DAB Introducing; Fri: Ngunan Adamu 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

## Newcastle

## Saturday

6am Tom Campbell 10.00 Kelly Scott 2pm Sport 10.00-12.00 Jo Good

## Sunday

6am Tom Campbell 9.00 Garden Mania 10.00 Kelly Scott 2pm Simon Logan 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

## Monday-Friday

6am Matt Bailey 10.00 Gilly Hope 2pm Scott Makin 6.00 Sport 8.00 Mon/Fri: Rachel Teate; Tue: Jade Burns; Wed: Joel Mitchell 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

## Norfolk

#### Saturday

6am Babs Michel 10.00 Amir Suleman 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload **8.00** BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Babs Michel 10.00 Amir Suleman 1pm Sport 3.30 Canary Call 4.30 John Leech Soul 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

## Monday-Friday

6am Chris Goreham; Mon: Rosanna Tennant 10.00 Kayleigh Poacher 2pm Louise Hulland 6.00 Mon: Scrimmage: Tue/ Wed: Babs Michel; Thu: Upload; Fri: Yellow Friday 6.30 Fri: Local Report 6.40 Mon: Racing Torque 7.00 Mon: Farzana Chaudry: Fri: Angelle Joseph 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

## Northampton

## Saturday

6am Babs Michel 10.00 Justin Dealey 2pm Sport 7.00 Upload 8.00 Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

## Sunday

6am Babs Michel 10.00 Justin Dealey **2pm** Paul Lovett **4.00** John Leech **6.00** Dotun Adebavo 8.00 Mark Punter 10.00-1am Becky Want

## Monday-Friday

6am Annabel Amos 10.00 Bernie Keith **2pm** Roberto Perrone 6.00 Mon: Chance Litchfield: Tue: Babs Michel: Wed: Saints Show; Thu: Cobblers Show; Fri: Sport 7.00 Mon: Farzana Chaudry; Wed: Babs Michel; Thu: Upload; Fri: Sport 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

## Nottingham

## Saturday

6am Becky Measures 10.00 Dino 2pm Matchday 7.30 Dean Jackson 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Kelly Hinch 10.00 Dino 2pm Dean Jackson 5.00 We Are Notts **6.00** Gagan Grewal 8.00 Nikki Tapper 10.00-1am Becky Want

## Monday-Friday

6am Sarah Julian 10.00 Verity Cowley **2pm** Ben Jackson **6.00** In the Game **7.00 Mon:** Shruti Chauhan: Tue: Arun Verma; Wed: Matchnight; Thu: Dean Jackson; Fri: Letitia George 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

## Oxford

## Saturday

6am Lucy Ambache 10.00 Alice Hopkins 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

## Sunday

6am Katie Tyler 10.00 Alice Hopkins **2pm** Tony Blackburn 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Bill Rennells

## Monday-Friday

6am Sophie Law 6am Fri: Lilley Mitchell 10.00 Adam Ball 2pm Bridgitte Tetteh 6.00 Mon/Fri: Sport; Tue/Wed: Stephen Brown; Thu: Upload 7.00 Mon: Rena Annobil: Fri: Dan Simpson 8.00 Thu: BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

## Sheffield

## Saturday

6am Kat Cowan 9.00 The Yorkshire Kitchen 10.00 Nick Ahad 2pm Football 3.00 DAB Football Live 5.00 Praise or Grumble 6.00 Upload 8.00 Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday

6am Kat Cowan 9.00 Grow Show 10.00 Becky Measures 1.30pm Football 4.30 Sile Sibanda 6.00 Dotun Adebavo 10.00-1am Becky Want

## Monday-Friday

6am Ellie Colton 10.00 Paulette Edwards 2pm Toby Foster 6.00 Football 7.00 Mon: Arzu Dutta; Tue: Bek Homer: Thu: Upload: Fri: Sile Sibanda 8.00 Thu: BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

## Shropshire Saturday

6am Lorna Bailey 10.00 Liz Ellis **2pm** Sport **6.00** Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

## Sunday

6am Donna Alos 10.00 Liz Ellis 2pm Paula White 6.00 Gagan Grewal 8.00 Nikki Tapper 10.00-1am Becky Want

Monday-Friday 6am Adam Green 10.00 Clare Ashford 2pm Toni McDonald 6.00 Mon/Fri: Sports Hour; Tue/Wed: Arun Verma; Thu: Upload 7.00 Mon: Gagan Grewal: Fri: Merisha Stevenson 8.00 Thu: BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

## Radio Solent

## Saturday

6am Lucy Ambache 10.00 Alice Hopkins 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload **8.00** BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

## Sunday

6am Katie Tyler 10.00 Alice Hopkins 1pm Sport 5.00 Murray Gold 6.00 Dotun Adebayo 10.00-1am Becky Want

Monday-Friday 6am Alun Newman 10.00 Lou Hannan **2pm** The Afternoon Show 6.00 Mon: Fern Buckley; Tue/Fri: Sport; Wed: Tom Deacon; Thu: Fan

Club 7.00 Mon: Rena Annobil: Tue: Stephen Brown: Wed: Sport: Thu: Upload: Fri: Dan Simpson 8.00 Wed: DAB Stereo Underground; Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky

#### Want; Fri: Jo Good 103.8 FOR WEST DORSET

As Radio Solent, including Dorset news and features, plus:

## Monday-Friday 7am-9.00 Steve Harris

## Somerset

Saturday 6am Caroline Martin 10.00 Andy Bennett 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 Introducing

## Sunday

Andy Bennett 1pm Sport 6.00 Dotun Adebayo

6am Charlie Taylor: Thu: Emma Britton 10.00 Simon Parkin 2pm Claire Carter; Fri: Andy Bennett 6.00 Mon: Sound of the City; Tue: The Scrum: Wed: Dan Pascoe: Thu: Having a Gas: Fri: Sport 7.00 Mon: Manny Masih; Tue: Match; Thu: Upload; Fri: Kevin Philemon 8.00 Thu: Introducing 9.30 Wed: Mums without Makeup 10.00-1am

## Stoke

## Saturday

6am Lorna Bailey 10.00 Liz Ellis 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 BBC Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Kathy Caton 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

## Tees

Saturday 6am Tom Campbell 10.00 Kelly Scott 2.00 Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 Introducing 10.00-1am Jo Good

#### Sunday 6am Tom Campbell 9.00 Garden Mania 10.00 Kelly Scott 2pm Simon Logan 6.00 Dotun Adebayo

10.00-1am Becky Want

Monday-Friday 6am Amy Oakden 10.00 Gary

## All BBC local radio stations take BBC Radio 5 Live programmes from 1am

## Wiltshire

Saturday

Monday-Friday

## Saturday

6am Kat Cowan 10.00 Nick Ahad 2pm Sport 6.00 Upload 8.00 Introducing 10.00-lam Jo Good

Thu: Upload: Fri: Sile Sibanda 8.00 Thu: Introducing 10.00-1am Becky Want; Fri: Jo Good

# 8.00 BBC Introducing

## Face behind the voice

## **Matt Chorley**

## Times Radio



Saturday

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER

6.30am Out of Doors

Scotland and beyond.

Email: outofdoors@bbc.co.uk

Mark Stephen and

hourly 8.00am to 12 noon, 6.00pm, 7.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12 midnight

NEWS HEADLINES 2.00pm, 5.00

Rachel Stewart with stories

from the great outdoors in

8.00 Good Morning Scotland

and abroad, along with regular

Shereen Nanjiani and guests

things getting Scotland talking

The latest news from home

sport, travel and weather.

with a unique take on the

this Saturday morning.

Repeated from yesterday

12.00 Off the Ball

11.30 Breaking the News

Des Clarke hosts the award-

winning comedy news quiz.

Football forum that claims to

be the most petty and ill-

radio, with light-hearted

Email: offtheball@bbc.co.uk

2.00pm Sportsound

informed football show on

features and competitions.

Presented by Stuart Cosgrove

and Tam Cowan. Text 80295.

Comprehensive coverage of

Scottish sport including live

and exclusive commentary,

breaking news, interviews,

@BBCSportsound on social media

Fans react to the day's big

football stories. Text 80295

@BBCSportsound on social media

analysis and discussion.

Text 80295.

5.30 Sportsound

10.00 Shereen

People say, 'Your show is like nothing I've ever heard before.' That's because I didn't go to university, I started out on local papers, I worked for MailOnline where you've got to sell political stories up against Kim Kardashian's bottom and the latest grisly murder - and I've done stand-up comedy." **CV** Born in Taunton, Somerset. "I did my A-levels, then got some paid work experience at the Taunton Times. Then they said. 'We'll train you.' I never looked back." He worked for the Press Association, Western Morning News, Independent on Sunday and MailOnline, before joining The Times in 2016 to write a political newsletter and host the Red Box podcast. His Times Radio show began in 2020.

Around 2002, he and two friends, Will Kenning and Lewis Georgeson, formed Big Day Out, performing sketches in pubs, then in 2005 at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, "Then we got proper jobs and girlfriends, but it was always something I wanted to go back to." He did an hour of political stand-up at the Cheltenham Literature Festival in 2018 and has done two tours: This Is Not Normal (2019) and Who Is in Charge Here? (2022). This led to two appearances on Have I Got News For You?

Doors has just been published. He also hosts the latest Times podcast, How to Win an Election. Social media – yes or no? "I do use it. I'm biggest on Twitter/X, where I've got over 100,000 followers. But I'd rather it were less dreadful.' Best moment "The UK Space Agency took me to a centrifuge so I could experience the G-force. On the radio it was just me making a lot of silly noises. But it was a lot of fun." Worst moment "During the second lockdown in 2021 I was asked if I could do the show from

7.00 Take the Floor

Email:takethefloor@bbc.co.

9.00 Piping Sounds

selection of pipe music.

from the rich history of

world's - rock and pop.

Sunday

10.00 Billy Sloan

Gary Innes presents traditional

music including a band session.

and a chat with special guests.

BBC Radio Scotland plays a

A varied selection of music

Scotland's - and the rest of the

1.00am-7.00 as Radio 5 Live

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER hourly 6.00am to 9.00, 11.00, 12 noon, 2.00pm, 5.00, hourly 7.00 to 11.00

7.00am New Every Sunday

churches around Scotland.

Acts of worship from different

7.30 Disability with Attitude

Disability campaigner Michael

McEwan hears how attitudes

decades. As Michael turns 40,

he speaks to his parents about

their experiences of raising a

child with cerebral palsy back

in the 1980s. Michael also

catches up with friend and

former pupil of Ashcraig

Dougan to share their

Secondary School Martin

thoughts and memories of

what it was like attending a

with disabilities. Catherine

Glasgow City Council also

inclusive for pupils with

disabilities in the 1990s.

school specifically for pupils

Graham, Head of Inclusion for

speaks to Michael about how

education became much more

surrounding disability have

changed over the last four

home. I did two and a half hours of radio holding a phone to my ear - at the end, when I tried to put it down, I found my arm had locked!" Off air Lives in Fleet, Hampshire, with his wife Alyson, their 14-yearold daughter and their golden retriever. "I like my vegetable patch at the bottom of the garden. I've had a very productive year." First radio memory "When I was

young, the family used to pack into a transit van at weekends to go to motocross events and I remember DLT and the 'quack-quack-oops' quiz on Sunday mornings."

Favourite broadcasters "Chris Evans gave me so much really useful advice about the art of radio. And I love Dermot O'Leary's show on Radio 2."

Ambition/Dream job "I'd like to be on Michael McIntyre's The Wheel. I annoy my family by getting the questions right." Secret skills "A detailed

knowledge of Elton John album tracks." DAVID MCGILLIVRAY

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#### 8.00 Vic Galloway

Vicintroduces new releases from Scotland's best alternative artists, and classic album cuts alongside live session tracks. From 9.00. an in-depth personal interview that explores a life in music, packed with great stories and music. Text 80295. Repeated Wednesday 10pm (FM only) Email: vicgalloway@bbc.co.uk

#### 10.00 Jain Anderson

Jain invites listeners to end the day in the company of the songwriting masters of country, folk, blues and soul.

12 midnight-6.00am as Radio 5 Live

## Tuesday

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER: LOCAL NEWS as Mon

#### 6.00am Good Morning Scotland

The latest news from home and abroad. With travel reports every 15 minutes, business updates at 7.45 and 8.45, weather reports at 7.29 and 7.59, and sports reports at 7.08, 7.35, 8.08 and 8.35.

#### 9.00 Mornings

Kaye Adams gets to the heart of the news and offers listeners the opportunity to have their say on the day's stories.

## 12.00 Lunchtime Live News updates from Scotland

and beyond, plus lunchtime sport, travel and weather. 1.30pm The Afternoon Show

## Janice Forsyth presents a

Scottish arts, entertainment and music round-up.

## 4.00 Drivetime

Breaking down the day's talking points, plus sport, travel and weather.

#### FM only from 7.00 6.00 Get It On... with Bryan Burnett

Bryan presents a selection of essential music chosen by listeners. Text 80295. Email: getiton@bbc.co.uk

## Radio Scotland Extra

7.00-10.30 Sportsound Sporting commentary, analysis and debate. Text 80295.

#### FM only 8.00 Another Country with Ricky Ross

A selection of new and classic country and Americana music.

#### FM only until 10.30 10.00 Roddy Hart

An inviting mix of new music and back-catalogue selections.

12 midnight-6.00am as Radio 5 Live

## Wednesday

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER: LOCAL NEWS as Mo

#### 6.00am Good Morning Scotland

The latest news from home and abroad. With travel reports every 15 minutes, business updates at 7.45 and 8.45, weather reports at 7.29 and 7.59, and sports reports at 7.08, 7.35, 8.08 and 8.35.

#### 9.00 Mornings

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## 12.00 Lunchtime Live

News updates from Scotland and beyond, plus lunchtime sport, travel and weather.

#### 1.30pm The Afternoon Show Michelle McManus presents a Scottish arts, entertainment and music round-up.

#### 4.00 Drivetime

Breaking down the day's talking points with comment and opinion, plus sport, travel and weather.

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#### Radio Scotland Extra 7.00-10.30 Sportsound

Sporting commentary, analysis and debate. Text 80295. @BBCSportsound on social media

#### FM only 8.00 The Quay Sessions with Roddy Hart

Live performances from across the musical landscape -all captured in front of an audience in the intimate setting of the foyer at BBC Radio Scotland's Pacific Quay.

## FM only until 10.30 10.00 Vic Galloway

Vic introduces new releases from alternative artists, and classic album cuts alongside live session tracks. From 11.00, an in-depth personal interview that explores a life in music, packed with great stories and music. Repeated from Monday 8pm

12 midnight-6.00am as Radio 5 Live

#### Thursday

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER: LOCAL NEWS as Monday

#### 6.00am Good Morning Scotland

The latest news from home and abroad. With travel reports every 15 minutes, business updates at 7.45 and 8.45, weather reports at **7.29** and **7.59**, and sports reports at 7.08, 7.35, 8.08 and 8.35

## 9.00 Mornings

Stephen Jardine gets to the heart of the news and offers listeners the opportunity to have their say.

## 12.00 Lunchtime Live

News updates from Scotland and beyond, plus lunchtime sport, travel and weather.

#### 1.30pm The Afternoon Show Nicola Meighan presents a Scottish arts, entertainment

## and music round-up. 4.00 Drivetime

Breaking down the day's talking points with comment and opinion, plus sport. travel and weather.

# **Age** 41

Current job Presenter of Times Radio's mid-mornina show (weekdays 10am-1pm). "It's

politics without the boring bits.

His book Planes, Trains and Toilet

## 8.00 Sunday Morning

Tony Kearney presents music and conversation with a faith and ethical perspective. looking back at the week's events to ask what they say about people's.

## 10.00 The Sunday Show

Martin Geissler and Fiona Stalker discuss the big issues of the week and talk to the people behind the headlines.

#### 11.45 Sportsound

Comprehensive coverage of Scottish sport including live and exclusive commentary. breaking news, interviews, analysis and discussion. Text 80295.

#### @BBCSportsound on social media 5.30pm Your Requests with **Gary Innes**

Gary shares listeners' messages and dedications and plays Scottish music requests.

## 7.00 Classical Now

Celebrating Scotland's classical world, Jamie MacDougall highlights the work of the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra in concert and other Scottish artists and ensembles.

## 9.00 lain Anderson

lain invites listeners to end the day in the company of the songwriting masters of country, folk, blues and soul.

## 11.00 Seven Days

The news, sport and entertainment stories explained and analysed.

12 midnight-6.00am as Radio 5 Live

## Monday

## NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER hourly 6.00am to 8.00, 10.00 to 5.00pm, 7.00, 8.00, 10.00, 11.00

LOCAL NEWS Dumfries, Aberdeen, Inverness, Selkirk: 6.30am, 7.30, 8.30,12.30pm, 4.30, 5.30; Orkney: 7.30am, 12 noon, 6.00pm; Shetland: 12.30pm, 5.30, 6.00

#### 6.00am Good Morning Scotland

The latest news from home and abroad. With travel reports every 15 minutes, business updates at 7.45 and 8.45, weather reports at **7.29** and **7.59**, and sports reports at 7.08, 7.35, 8.08 and 8.35.

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## 12.00 Lunchtime Live

News updates from Scotland and beyond, plus lunchtime sport, travel and weather.

## 1.30pm The Afternoon Show Janice Forsyth presents a

round-up of what's happening in the Scottish arts, entertainment and music scenes.

## 4.00 Drivetime

Breaking down the day's talking points with comment and opinion, plus sport, travel and weather.

## 6.00 Get It On... with Bryan Burnett

Bryan Burnett presents a selection of essential music chosen by listeners. To get a request played on the radio, text 80295. Email: getiton@bbc.co.uk

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#### 6.00 Get It On... with Vic Galloway

Vic sits in for Bryan Burnett on the request show, offering listeners the chance to ask for a favourite track. Text 80295.

## 8.00 Travelling Folk

Anna Massie introduces folk and roots music from around the world.

#### 10.00 Natasha Raskin Sharp Natasha presents an eclectic mix of music, as well as paying tribute to a "Late Great" and spinning the globe for the Out

of This World feature. 12 midnight-6.00am as Radio 51 ive

#### Friday

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER: LOCAL NEWS as Mond

## 6.00am Good Morning

The latest news from home and abroad. With travel reports every 15 minutes, business undates at 7.45 and 8.45 weather reports at 7.29 and 7.59, and sports reports at 7.08, 7.35, 8.08 and 8.35.

#### 9.00 Mornings

Stephen Jardine gets to the heart of the news and offers listeners the opportunity to have their say.

#### 12.00 Lunchtime Live

News updates from Scotland and beyond, plus lunchtime sport, travel and weather.

## 1.30pm Breaking the News

Des Clarke hosts the awardwinning comedy news guiz that takes a satirical view of the week's headlines. Repeated tomorrow

## 2.00 The Afternoon Show

Nicola Meighan presents ideas for fun things to do around Scotland in the days ahead and a soundtrack to kickstart the weekend.

#### 4.00 Drivetime

Breaking down the day's talking points with comment and opinion, plus sport. travel and weather.

#### 6.00 Grant Stott's Vinyl Collective

Grant celebrates the vinyl revival with classic records and new releases, playing album tracks from his own collection and hearing the stories about listeners' cherished LPs.

#### 8.00 BBC Introducing in Scotland

Phoebe I-H and Shereen Cutkelvin present unsigned, undiscovered and under-theradar music from Scotland.

#### 10.00 Ashley Storrie

The comedian kicks off the weekend with a hand-picked playlist, lively chat and listener interaction, with the help of sidekick "Silent Paul".

1.00am-6.30 as Radio 5 Live BBC Radio Scotland 40 Pacific Quay Glasgow G511DA bbc.co.uk/radioscotland

### Local programmes

## ORKNEY

#### Weekdays

6.00pm-7.00 Mon: Enterprising Orkney: Orkney's business and energy

production; Tue: Tuesday Folk: traditional and modern folk from the past and present; Wed: Moved by Music: Cameron

Stout presents some of his favourite gospel and religious music; Thu: Whassigo: Orkney's answer to Call My Bluff: Fri: Friday Requests: dedication programme PHONE: 01856 873939 EMAIL: radio.orkney@bbc.co.uk

#### SHETLAND Weekdays

5.30nm Good Evening Shetland: news and features from around the isles

6.00-7.00 Mon: Oota da Cans: world and folk music with Gary Peterson and Steve Davidson; Tue: Catgut and Ivory: accordion and fiddle music: Wed: As Radio Scotland; Thu: Beyond the Briggistanes: Mike Grundon and Val Turner explore Shetland's natural heritage; Fri: Give Us a Tune: requests PHONE: 01595 694747 EMAIL: radio.shetland@bbc.co.uk

# Radio nan Gaidheal

Mar Radio Alba ach:

## Disathairne

9.00am Spòrs na Seachdain Spòrs ionadail, nàiseanta agus bho air feadh an t-saoghail còmhla ri Iain Moireasdan. POST DEALAIN: sns@bbc.co.uk FON AN ASGAIDH: 08000 967050

#### 10.00 Fàilt' air an Dùthaich Taghadh de cheòl dùthchail sean is ùr.

#### 11.00 Tiompan

Ceòl Ceilteach, clàran ùra agus fios mu cò tha cluich càite le Mairead NicIllinnein.

## 12.00-1.00pm Sàr Chlàr

Patsi NicChoinnich a' toirt cuireadh do a cuid aoighean an clàr as fheàrr leotha a thaghadh.

## Didòmhnaich

9.00am Dèanamaid Adhradh Seirbheis Ghàidhlig.

## ath-chraoladh aig 3pm 9.30 Alleluia

Laoidhean, leughaidhean agus smuaintean. (ath-chraoladh)

## 10.00 Chuala Mi

Anns an Dùbhlachd, bidh 100 bliadhna ann bho chaidh Gàidhlig a chraoladh air a' BhBC airson a' chiad uair. Tha craoladairean BBC Radio nan Gàidheal a' dèanamh taghadh de phrògraman a bha cho làidir 's gun tug iad orra stad agus èisteachd gu dlùth. Chuala Emma Slàinte ann an 2013 - sreath ghoirid far an do thog Moira NicIlleathain diofar thinneasan anns gach prògram, agus thug i sùil gheur orra le eòlaichean agus leis an fheadhainn air a bheil no air an robh an tinneas. (ath-chraoladh)

#### 10.30 Crùnluath

Taghadh de cheòl na pìoba. ath-chraoladh Diardaoin aig 3.30pm

#### 12.00 Naoi gu Deich Còmhradh, deasbad, cultur

agus cur-seachadan. 1.00pm SpeakGaelic Podcast

#### do luchd-ionnsachaidh ceangailte ris an t-sreath SpeakGaelic air BBC Alba.

#### 1.30 An Litir Bheag Litir Bheag na seachdain sa le Ruairidh MacIlleathain.

## 1.35 SpeakGaelic

#### 1.55 Litir do Luchdionnsachaidh

Litir do Luchd-ionnsachaidh le Ruairidh MacIlleathain.

#### 2.00 Gleus

Fuinn, còisirean agus òrain bho shaoghal ceòl clasaigeach agus eile, le Iain Moireach.

#### 3.00 Dèanamaid Adhradh Seirbheis Ghàidhlig

#### 3.30-4.00 Rogha is Tagha Taghadh à prògraman na seachdain air a thoirt thugaibh

le Anna Nic na Ceardaich. ath-chraoladh aig 9.30pm 9.00 Dèanamaid Adhradh Seirbheis adhraidh à

## tasqlann a' BhBC 9.30-10.00 Rogha is Tagha

Taghadh à prògraman na seachdain air a thoirt thugaibh le Anna Nic na Ceardaich.

#### **Diluain**

#### 7.30am Aithris na Maidne Naidheachdan ionadail,

nàiseanta is eadar-nàiseanta gach madainn.

### 9.00 Naoi gu Deich

Còmhradh, deasbad, cultur agus cur-seachadan. ath-chraoladh aig 10.25pm

## 10.00 A' Mire ri Mòir

Tha i beachdail, tha i beòthail agus tha i feitheamh ribh le taghadh ciùil.

## 12.00 Feasgar an-diugh

Naidheachdan, còmhradh, spòrs, ceòl agus fealla-dhà. ath-chraoladh aig 9pm

## 1.30pm Caithream Ciùil

Ceòl Gàidhealach 's Ceilteach agus fiosrachadh air na tha dol agaibhse gach feasgar. POST DEALAIN: dethadol@bbc.co.uk

#### 4.00 Fàilt' air an Dùthaich Taghadh de cheòl dùthchail sean is ùr.

# 5.00 Aithris an Fheasgair

## Naidheachdan nàiseantais ionadail o Dhiluain gu Dihaoine.

5.30 Siubhal gu Seachd le Pluto Ceòl, fealla-dhà agus sùil air spòrs ionadail, nàiseanta agus eadar-nàiseanta. POST DEALAIN: pluto@bbc.co.uk FON AN ASGAIDH: 08000 967050

#### 700 Cruinn

Ceòl, amaideas 's na beachdan agaibh air cuspairean a' là airson ur cuir ann a sunnd airson na seachdain.

#### 9.00 Feasgar an-diugh Naidheachdan, còmhradh, spòrs, ceòl agus fealla-dhà.

10.25-11.25 Naoi gu Deich Còmhradh. deasbad. cultur agus cur-seachadan.

#### Dimàirt

## 7.30am Aithris na Maidne

Naidheachdan ionadail, nàiseanta is eadar-nàiseanta aach madainn.

## 9.00 Naoi gu Deich

Còmhradh, deasbad, cultur agus cur-seachadan. ath-chraoladh aig 10,25pm

Tha i beachdail, tha i beòthail

#### 10.00 A' Mire ri Mòir

agus tha i feitheamh ribh le taghadh ciùil. 12.00 Feasgar an-diugh

## Naidheachdan, còmhradh.

spòrs, ceòl agus fealla-dhà.

#### 1.30pm Caithream Ciùil Ceòl Gàidhealach 's Ceilteach

agus fiosrachadh air na tha dol agaibhse gach feasgar.

#### 3.30 Spòrscast

A còmhradh ri measgachadh de dhaoine 's iad ag innis mun phàirt a tha spòrs a cluich nam beatha, (ath-chraoladh)

#### 4.00 Sàr Chlàr

Patsi NicChoinnich a' toirt cuireadh do a cuid aoighean an clàr as fheàrr leotha a thaghadh. (ath-chraoladh) ath-chraoladh a'maireach aig 7pm

#### 5.00 Aithris an Fheasgair Naidheachdan nàiseanta is ionadail o Dhiluain gu Dihaoine.

#### 5.30 Siubhal gu Seachd le Pluto Ceòl, fealla-dhà agus sùil air spòrs ionadail, nàiseanta agus eadar-nàiseanta.

## 7.00 Rapal

**Diciadain** 

Orain ùra gu leòr. POST DEALAIN: rapal@bbc.co.uk FON AN ASGAIDH: 08000 967050

## 9.00 Feasgar an-diugh 10.25-11.25 Naoi gu Deich

#### 7.30am Aithris na Maidne Naidheachdan ionadail, nàiseanta is eadar-nàiseanta

## gach madainn.

9.00 Naoi gu Deich Còmhradh, deasbad, cultur agus cur-seachadan. ath-chraoladh aig 10.25pm

## 10.00 A' Mire ri Mòir

Tha i beachdail, tha i beòthail agus tha i feitheamh ribh le taghadh ciùil.

#### 12.00 Feasgar an-diugh Naidheachdan, còmhradh,

spòrs, ceòl agus fealla-dhà. ath-chraoladh aig 9pm 1.30pm Caithream Ciùil Ceòl Gàidhealach 's Ceilteach

agus fiosrachadh air na tha

#### dol agaibhse gach feasgar. 3.30 SpeakGaelic

A bheil thu ag ionnsachadh Gàidhlia? Ma tha, tha am podcast see dhutsa! Tha , sreath B1 den phod-chraoladh SpeakGaelic ag amas air daoine a tha air adhartas a dhèanamh sa chànan agus air a toirt thugainn leis a' chraoladair agus sgrìobhadair Jain Urchadan, (ath-chraoladh)

### 4.00 Gleus

Fuinn, còisirean agus òrain bho shaoghal ceòl clasaigeach agus éile, le Iain Moiréach.

## 5.00 Aithris an Fheasgair

#### 5.30 Siubhal gu Seachd le Pluto

7.00 Sàr Chlàr Patsi NicChoinnich a' toirt cuireadh do a cuid aoighean an clàr as fheàrr leotha a thaghadh.

#### 8.30 SpeakGaelic

9.00 Feasgar an-diugh

#### 10.25-11.25 Naoi gu Deich Diardaoin

## 7.30am Aithris na Maidne

## 9.00 Naoi gu Deich

Còmhradh, deasbad, cultur agus cur-seachadan. 10.00 A' Mire ri Mòir

Tha i beachdail, tha i beòthail agus tha i feitheamh ribh le taghadh ciùil.

#### 12.00 Feasgar an-diugh Naidheachdan, còmhradh,

spòrs, ceòl agus fealla-dhà. ath-chraoladh aig 9pm 1.30pm Caithream Ciùil

#### Ceòl Gàidhealach 's Ceilteach agus fiosrachadh air na tha dol agaibhse gach feasgar. 3.30 Crùnluath

## Taghadh de cheòl na pìoba. 5.00 Aithris an Fheasgair

#### 5.30 Siubhal gu Seachd le Pluto

## 7.00 Spòrscast

A còmhradh ri measgachadh de dhaoine 's iad ag innis mun phàirt a tha spòrs a cluich nam beatha.

#### 7.30 Mo Chuairt Ciùil Sùil air na h-òrain agus an ceòl a tha air buaidh a thoirt air beatha aoigh na seachdain.

## 9.00 Feasgar an-diugh 10.25-11.25 Naoi gu Deich

## Dihaoine 7.30am Aithris na Maidne

9.00 Naoi gu Deich Còmhradh, deasbad, cultur agus cur-seachadan. ath-chraoladh aig 12.00

## 10.00 A' Mire ri Mòir 12.00 Feasgar an-diugh

Naidheachdan, còmhradh, spòrs, ceòl agus fealla-dhà.

#### 1.30pm Caithream Ciùil Ceòl Gàidhealach 's Ceilteach agus fiosrachadh air na tha

dol agaibhse gach feasgar. 3.30 Mo Chuairt Ciùil Sùil air na h-òrain agus an ceòl a tha air buaidh a thoirt

#### air beatha aoigh na seachdain. 5.00 Aithris an Fheasgair

5.30 Rogha is Tagha

6.00 Na Dùrachdan Ceòl, òrain is fealla-dhà

#### 900 Mac'ille Mhìcheil Cuiridh lain Mac'illeMhìcheil is a chuid aoighean an deireadh seachdain air a chasan.

## 11.00 Tiompan

Ceòl Ceilteach, clàran ùra agus fios mu cò tha cluich càite le Mairead NicIllinnein.

#### 12.00-12.55am Naoi gu Deich Còmhradh, deashad. cultur agus cur-seachadan.

## National

BBC Radio 1\* FM 97.7-99.7 BBC Radio 2\* FM 88.1-90.1 BBC Radio 3\*FM90.3-92.3 BBC Radio 4FM94.6-96.1,

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103.5-104.9, LW198, MW1449 (Aberdeen, LW progs) BBC Radio 5 Live MW 693, 909 BBC Radio Scotland

**BBC Radio Scotland Extra** 

BBC Radio nan Gaidheal FM103.5-104.9 (carries R4 in some parts)

Classic FM 999-1019 Classic F M 99.9-101.9

Talksport MW 1053, 1089

Above stations also on Freeview
(\*not Sat 4pm-lam, Sun 4pm12 midnight, weekdays 5pm-12 midnight), plus satellite, cable. internet and DAB (Radio Scotland Extra service only).

#### Local

**Argyll FM** 106.5, 107.1, 107.7 BBC Cumbria FM 95.6 (Carlisle), 96.1 (Morecambe Bay), 95.2 (Kendal), 104.1 (Whitehaven/ Keswick), 104.2 (Windermere), MW 756 (Carlisle), 837 (Barrow-in-Furness) Capital 106.1 (Glasgow),

105.7 (Edinburgh)
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Greatest Hits Radio FM 96.4 (Carlisle), 96.8 (Selkirk), 97 (Dumfries), 102.2 (Workington), 102.3 (Berwick), 102.5 (Penrith), 103.1 (Peebles), 103.4 (Eyemouth/ 103.1 (Peebles), 103.4 (Eyemouth/ Whitehaven), MW1035 (Ayrshire), 1107 (North of Scotland), 1152 (Glasgow & the West), 1161 (Dundee/Perth), 1548 (Edinburgh, the Lothians, Fife & Falkirk), DAB (North East Scotland) Heart FM100 (Vale of Leven), 101.1 (Edinburgh/Rosneath), 102.3 (Glascow), 103.3 (Penjcuik)

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Isles FM 103 (Western Isles) **Kingdom FM** 105.4 (St Andrews), 106.3 (The East Neuk), 95.2 (West Fife) 961(Central & Fast Fife), 96.6 (Kirkcaldy) **Lochbroom FM** 102.2 (Ullapool), 96.8 (North West Scotland) **Mearns FM** 105.1 (Portlethen),

105.7 (Stonehaven), 106.2 (Inverbervie). 106.2 (Inverbervie), 107.3 (Laurencekirk) MFR FM 96.6 (Speyside), 96.7 (Fraserburgh/Wick), 97.4 (Highlands/Moray/

Aberdeenshire), 102.5 (Caithness), 102.8 (Keith) Nation FM 96.3 (Glasgow), 106.9 (Helensburgh). 103.(Dumbarton)
Nevis FM 96.6 (Fort William),
97 (Glencoe), 102.4 (Loch Leven),
102.3 (Skye & Mallaig)
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102.2 (Shetland) **Skye** 106.2,102.7 (Skye/Lochalsh) Smooth Radio FM105.2 (Glasgow)

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96.4 (Perth) **Two Lochs** FM106.6 (Loch Ewe),

106 (Gairloch) Wave FM 102 (Dundee) Waves Radio FM 101.2 (Peterhead/Fraserburgh) **West FM** 96.7 (Ayrshire), 97.5 (Girvan), 106.7 (Rothesav) West Sound FM 97 (Dumfries), 103 (Kirkcudbright), 96.5 (Stranraer)

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## Face behind the voice

## **Matt Chorley**

## Times Radio



**Age** 41 Current job Presenter of Times Radio's mid-mornina show (weekdays 10am-1pm). "It's

politics without the boring bits. People say, 'Your show is like nothing I've ever heard before.' That's because I didn't go to university, I started out on local papers, I worked for MailOnline where you've got to sell political stories up against Kim Kardashian's bottom and the latest grisly murder - and I've done stand-up comedy." **CV** Born in Taunton, Somerset. "I did my A-levels, then got some paid work experience at the Taunton Times. Then they said. 'We'll train you.' I never looked back." He worked for the Press Association, Western Morning News, Independent on Sunday and MailOnline, before joining The Times in 2016 to write a political newsletter and host the Red Box podcast. His Times Radio show began in 2020.

Around 2002, he and two friends, Will Kenning and Lewis Georgeson, formed Big Day Out, performing sketches in pubs, then in 2005 at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, "Then we got proper jobs and girlfriends, but it was always something I wanted to go back to." He did an hour of political stand-up at the Cheltenham Literature Festival in 2018 and has done two tours: This Is Not Normal (2019) and Who Is in Charge Here? (2022). This led to two appearances on Have I Got News For You?

His book Planes, Trains and Toilet Doors has just been published. He also hosts the latest Times podcast, How to Win an Election. Social media – yes or no? "I do use it. I'm biggest on Twitter/X, where I've got over 100,000 followers. But I'd rather it were less dreadful.' Best moment "The UK Space Agency took me to a centrifuge so I could experience the G-force. On the radio it was just me making a lot of silly noises. But it was a lot of fun." Worst moment "During the second lockdown in 2021 I was asked if I could do the show from

home. I did two and a half hours of radio holding a phone to my ear - at the end, when I tried to put it down, I found my arm had locked!" Off air Lives in Fleet, Hampshire, with his wife Alyson, their 14-yearold daughter and their golden retriever. "I like my vegetable patch at the bottom of the garden. I've had a very productive year." First radio memory "When I was

young, the family used to pack into a transit van at weekends to go to motocross events and I remember DLT and the 'quack-quack-oops' quiz on Sunday mornings."

Favourite broadcasters "Chris Evans gave me so much really useful advice about the art of radio. And I love Dermot O'Leary's show on Radio 2."

Ambition/Dream job "I'd like to be on Michael McIntyre's The Wheel. I annoy my family by getting the questions right." Secret skills "A detailed

knowledge of Elton John album tracks." DAVID MCGILLIVRAY

thetimes.co.uk/radio

## Saturday

RADIO ULSTER NEWS: hourly 7.00am to 11.00pm, then 11.55

## 6.45am Farm Gate

Food, countryside and agricultural issues, focusing on business news, industry reports and technology. Presented by Elaine Mitchell.

#### 7.05 Kerry McLean

Music, chat and requests. Text: 81771 Email: kerry.mclean@bbc.co.uk

## 8.05 Your Place and Mine

The people, places and stories that make Northern Ireland unique, presented by Anne Marie McAleese. Phone: 0289 033 8307 Email:ypam@bbc.co.uk

#### 9.05 Gardeners' Corner

The weekly programme for keen horticulturists with the latest advice, news and visits to plots large and small around the province. Presented by David Maxwell. Phone: 03030805555

## 10.05 On Your Behalf

Linda McAuley champions the cause of consumers in Northern Ireland, helping them to solve their problems and make the right choices. Write to: On Your Behalf. BBC Broadcasting House Ormeau Avenue, Belfast BT2 8HQ Phone: 0289 033 8314 bbc.co.uk/oyb

#### 11.05 Saturday with John Toal

The presenter invites tales of family and community life. Including news at 12.00. Phone: 03030805555 Email: swit@bbc.co.uk

#### 1.05pm Assume Nothing: The Handler: Six Months in Hell

Ep 2. Dramatised memoir. starring Jonathan Harden, of a Special Branch officer operating at the outset of the Northern Ireland Troubles. A source finds himself under intense scrutiny when he is detailed to collect a package from a ship docked at Drogheda harbour. Repeated Thursday 9.05pm

#### 1.30 The Blame Game

6/9. Tim McGarry, Colin Murphy, Diona Doherty and Neil Delamere are joined by comedian Dave Elliott as they put their spin on the week's news and field questions as offered by a studio audience. Repeated Thursday 9.30pm

#### 2.05 Sportsound

Michael McNamee presents coverage of the Irish Premiership, with live commentary and reports.

## 6.05 The House Party with Phil Taggart

Dance music from soul to house and funk to techno. Including news at 7.00.

#### 8.05 Folk Club with Lynette Fay

Folk music and song with studio guests, concert performances, new releases and vintage vinyl. Including news at **9.00**. Email: lynette.fay@bbc.co.uk

#### 10.05 Saturday Club with John Bennett

Late-night music club featuring classic tracks from the 1960s, 70s and 80s. Including news at 11.00.

12.00 as Radio 5 Live

## Sunday

RADIO ULSTER NEWS: hourly 7.00am to 11.00pm, then 11.55

## 7.05am Kerry McLean

Music, chat and requests to ease listeners into the morning. Including Thought for the Day at 7.55 and news at 8.00.

Email: kerry.mclean@bbc.co.uk

## 8.30 Sunday Sequence

Audrey Carville and guests debate the week's religious and ethical news and explore the world of culture and ideas. Including news at 9.00. Email: sunday.sequence@bbc.co.uk

#### 10.05 Morning Service

The Rev Dr Cecil Grant leads a service for the First Sunday in Advent.from First Carrickfergus Presbyterian Church.

#### 10.45 Thought for the Week

Audrey Carville presents a selection of clips from last week's Good Morning Ulster Thought for the Day features.

#### 11.05 Sunday with Steven Rainey

In-depth current affairs, interviews, discussion and analysis - including a guide to the Sunday newspapers. Including news at **12.00**.

## 1.05pm Sunday with Brian D'Arcy

Brian delves into his wide experience of music to bring listeners some tracks just right for a Sunday afternoon, along with some reflections to make them think, laugh or cry. Write to: Sunday with Brian D'Arcy, BBC Radio Ulster, Ormeau Avenue, Belfast BT28HQ

#### 2.05 Countryside

Voices, views, stories, news and chat from Northern Ireland's rural community, hosted by Nicola Weir. Including essential livestock and weather reports.

## 3.05 The Culture Café

From the page to the stage. Marie-Louise Muir hosts the essential cultural conversation.

#### 4.05 Europop: the Neil Hannon Show

Ep 2. The Divine Comedy's Neil Hannon is back to explore the music and creativity of Europe – but ignoring the UK and Ireland. Here, he goes in hard with Haddaway before playing a track all know, even if they are not sure how.

## 5.05 Sounds Sacred

Richard Yarr introduces sacred music performed by local and internationally acclaimed musicians. He also plays listeners' requests and provides news of music events across Northern Ireland.

## 6.05 Kintra

Helen Mark and the Kintra team present stories, news, music and banter from Ulster-Scots communities at home and abroad. Email: kintra@bbc.co.uk

## 6.30 Back to the Irish

2/4. Music obsessives Steven Cockcroft and Jason Carty try to find the green in grunge and unearth the unlikely Emerald Isle connections of Nirvana. From family ties to unforgettable gigs and iconic woolly jumpers. this is the bizarre tale of Nirvana and Ireland.

#### 7.05 Classical Connections with John Toal

An evening of classical music. Plus news, reviews and interviews with local and touring performers. Including news at **8.00**.

#### 9.05 Jazz Club with Walter Love

Recordings by jazz musicians, including tracks that have been performed exclusively for BBC Radio Ulster.

#### 10.05 Sunday Club with John Bennett

Music designed to soothe away the problems of the past week. Including news at **11.00**. Dedications to: The Sunday Club, BBC Radio Ulster, Broadcast House, Belfast BT2 8HQ Email:jb@bbc.co.uk

12.00 as Radio 5 Live

#### Monday

RADIO ULSTER NEWS: half-hourly 6.30am to 9.30, hourly 10.00 to 11.00pm, plus 4.30pm, 5.30, 11.55

## 6.30am Good Morning Ulster

The day's news from home and abroad presented by Sarah Brett and Joel Taggart. Including travel updates and analysis of finance and business news, plus the latest agri-business developments in Farm Gate and a Thought for the Day at **7.20**. Email:good.morning.ulster@bbc.co.uk

#### 9.00 The Nolan Show

Breaking news and hardhitting topical debate with Stephen Nolan Listeners can share their views by phone, text or email. Including news and travel at 10.00. Phone: 03030805555 Text: 81771 Email:nolan@bbc.co.uk

#### 10.30 The Connor **Phillips Show**

Music and mischief, with fun features such as Does Mv Head In, Useless Superpowers, Guess the Guest and Taylor Sifts. Including news at 11.00. Phone: 03030 805555 Text: 81771 Email:connor@bbc.co.uk

#### 12.05pm Talkback

William Crawley and the Talkback team present news and invite listeners' on-air reactions to all the day's stories, from politics and  $health \, to \, consumer \, issues \, and \,$ education. With news at 1.00. Phone: 03030 80 55 55 Email: talk.back@bbc.co.uk bbc.co.uk/talkback

## 1.30 Hugo Duncan

Country music old and new, plus the opportunity for listeners to submit requests by phone or text. Including news and travel at 2.00. Phone: 03030 80 55 55 Text: 81771

## 3.05 The Lynette Fay Show Music, features and interviews. Text: 81771

Email: lynette.fay@bbc.co.uk

### 4.00 Evening Extra

The day's events, with Richard Morgan, Tara Mills and Declan Harvey. Featuring news on the half-hour, plus regular sport, traffic and weather reports. and the latest agri-business.

## 6.05 Vinny and Cate

Teatime music and craic presented by Vinny Hurrell and Cate Conway, with features and celebrity interviews. Including news at 7.00.

#### 7.30 Blas

Fearghal Mag Uiginn le súil siar ar aicsean na gclubanna CLG agus craobhchomórtais na gContaetha ag teacht chun críche agus feachtais Chumainn Uladh faoi lánseol. Fearghal Mag Uiginn looks back at the weekend's sporting action.

#### 8.05 The Ralph McLean Show

Classic rock, soul, blues, pop, gospel, reggae and funk both old and new, from home and abroad featuring live performances, interviews and more. Including news at 9.00.

#### 10.05 The Late Show with Eve Blair

Chilled-out music, including a mix of easy listening melodies both old and new, and material by the Artist of the Week. Email: eve.blair@bbc.co.uk

12.00 as Radio 5 Live

#### Tuesday

RADIO ULSTER NEWS: see Monday

## 6.30am Good Morning Ulster

The day's news from home and abroad presented by Sarah Brett and Chris Buckler. Including regular news, travel and sport updates and analysis of finance and business news and Thought for the Day at **7.20**. Email: good.morning.ulster@bbc.co.uk

## 9.00 The Nolan Show

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# Saturday 2-Friday 8 December

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4/6. Caitheann Aodhán O Baoill agus Niamh Ní Dhubhgáin seal i dCeathrú na hArdeadlaise thart ar Ardeaglais Naomh Aine i gcathair Bhéal Feirste. Aodhán O Baoill and Niamh Ní Dhubhgáin spend time in the Cathedral Quarter around St Anne's Cathedral in Belfast city. Repeat

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Classic rock, soul, blues, pop, gospel, reggae and funk both old and new, from home and abroad featuring live performances, interviews and more. Including news at 9.00.

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12.00 as Radio 5 Live

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## 8.05 Ralph McLean -Country

From the sounds of Nashville to new bluegrass, Ralph takes another journey into the world of American roots music, offering a selection of classic tracks, live performance and timeless Americana along the way. Including news at 9.00.

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#### 7.30 Blas

Dearcadh an duine óig ar ábhair a bhfuil spraoi ag baint leo agus ábhair níos troime. gach rud ón stíl mhaireachtála go taisteal agus cúrsaí spóirt. A youthful view of lifestyle issues, travel, sport, beauty, fashion, cookery and more. With Caoimhe Ní Chathail.

## 8.05 Blas Ceoil

Cuir tús spleodrach leis an deireadh seachtaine le rogha shiamsúil Lynette Fay de cheol traidisiúnta, fréamh agus dúchasach, Eisiúintí úra, sonraí gigeanna agus seisiúin bheo. Caoimhe "Ceol" Ní Chathail introduces new releases, gig guide details and live acoustic sessions to keep listeners in touch with traditional. roots and folk music

#### 9.05 Assume Nothing: The Handler: Six Months in Hell

Ep 2. Dramatised memoir of a Special Branch officer operating at the outset of the Northern Ireland Troubles, A source finds himself under intense scrutiny when he is detailed to collect a package from a ship docked at Drogheda harbour. Repeated from Saturday 1.05pm

#### 9.30 The Blame Game

6/9. Tim McGarry, Colin Murphy, Diona Doherty and Neil Delamere are joined by comedian Dave Elliott as they put their spin on the week's news and field questions as offered by a studio audience. Repeated from on Saturday at 1.30pm

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Kathy Clugston previews upcoming cultural attractions, from movies to comedy gigs giving listeners ideas on how to spend their weekends

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Join Gemma Bradley as she serves up the freshest new Irish musical talent, from indie-rock to hip-hop with live music and interviews.

#### 7.05 The Stephen McCauley Show

Alternative music from punk to electronica from home and abroad, featuring live performances and interviews. With news at **8.00** and **9.00**.

#### 10.05 The Mickey Bradley Record Show

There are loads of great records out there and Mickey has bought, borrowed and blagged lots of them since his teenage years. Here, he invites listeners to another selection of vintage rock, pop, and new releases. With news at 11.00.

Email:michael.bradlev@bbc.co.uk

12.00 as Radio 5 Live BBC Northern Ireland Broadcasting House Ormeau Avenue, Belfast BT2 8HQ 02890 338 000 Phone-in 0845 955 5678

## **RADIO FOYLE**

As Radio Ulster except:

## Saturday

## 5.00pm Sportsound

Ulster v Edinburgh, the United Rugby Championship match from Kingspan Stadium (kick-off 5.15).

#### 7.15-8.00 The House Party with Phil Taggart

Weekdays
RADIO FOYLE NEWS: hourly 9.00am
to 3.00pm (not 1.00pm), plus 8.30am

## 6.30am Good Morning Ulster

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#### 8.30-9.00 North West Today

A round-up of news, sport and weather across the north-west of Northern Ireland.

#### 12.05pm The Mark Patterson Show

A daily look at issues affecting the daily lives of people in the north-west of Northern Ireland.

## 1.00 North West at One

Lunchtime round-up of the day's local, national and international news stories. Plus the latest sports headlines

## 1.10-1.30 20 Minutes Mark Patterson offers a snapshot of life in the northwest of Northern Ireland.

3.05-4.00 Sean Coyle Music and chat, plus listeners from across the region are invited to phone in with their requests and dedications

## Mon: 8.05-10.00 Caschlár

An-réimse ceoil ó phop go fréamh á chur le chéile agus á chur i láthair ag Brian Mullen. Brian Mullen presents music including pop, blues and soul. Including news at 9.00.

BBC Radio Fovle, 8 Northland Road Londonderry BT48 7GD Tel: 02871 266 522

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## Face behind the voice Matt Chorley

## Times Radio



**Age** 41 **Current job** Presenter of Times Radio's mid-mornina show (weekdays 10am-1pm). "It's

People say, 'Your show is like nothing I've ever heard before.' That's because I didn't go to university, I started out on local papers, I worked for MailOnline where you've got to sell political stories up against Kim Kardashian's bottom and the latest grisly murder - and I've done stand-up comedy." **CV** Born in Taunton, Somerset. "I did my A-levels, then got some paid work experience at the Taunton Times. Then they said. 'We'll train you.' I never looked back." He worked for the Press Association, Western Morning News, Independent on Sunday and MailOnline, before joining The Times in 2016 to write a political newsletter and host the Red Box podcast. His Times Radio show began in 2020.

Around 2002, he and two friends, Will Kenning and Lewis Georgeson, formed Big Day Out, performing sketches in pubs, then in 2005 at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, "Then we got proper jobs and girlfriends, but it was always something I wanted to go back to." He did an hour of political stand-up at the Cheltenham Literature Festival in 2018 and has done two tours: This Is Not Normal (2019) and Who Is in Charge Here? (2022). This led to two appearances on Have I Got News For You?

His book Planes, Trains and Toilet Doors has just been published. He also hosts the latest *Times* podcast, How to Win an Election. Social media - yes or no? "I do use it. I'm biggest on Twitter/X, where I've got over 100,000 followers. But I'd rather it were less dreadful.' Best moment "The UK Space Agency took me to a centrifuge so I could experience the G-force. On the radio it was just me making a lot of silly noises. But it was a lot of fun." Worst moment "During the second lockdown in 2021 I was asked if I could do the show from

home. I did two and a half hours of radio holding a phone to my ear - at the end, when I tried to put it down, I found my arm had locked!" Off air Lives in Fleet, Hampshire, with his wife Alyson, their 14-yearold daughter and their golden retriever. "I like my vegetable patch at the bottom of the garden. I've had a very productive year." First radio memory "When I was

young, the family used to pack into a transit van at weekends to go to motocross events and I remember DLT and the 'quack-quack-oops' quiz on Sunday mornings."

Favourite broadcasters "Chris Evans gave me so much really useful advice about the art of radio. And I love Dermot O'Leary's show on Radio 2."

Ambition/Dream job "I'd like to be on Michael McIntyre's The Wheel. I annoy my family by getting the questions right." Secret skills "A detailed

knowledge of Elton John album tracks." DAVID MCGILLIVRAY

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## Saturday

NEWS: hourly 6.00am to 2.00pm, plus 5.00pm and 6.00 **WEATHER:** after most news bulletins HILL FORFCAST: 6 59an

5.00am Vicki Blight Music and chat.

7.00 Radio Wales Breakfast

The latest news, travel and weather, with Oliver Hides.

9.00 Money for Nothing Dedications and song requests

from the 1950s to the 80s. 11.30 Saturdays on BBC Radio Wales

Music and guests with Anna Ryder Richardson.

2.00pm Radio Wales Sport Live commentary of the big Welsh games of the day, followed at **5.00** by a round-up of the day's sporting action with results and analysis.

5.30 Call Rob Phillips Have your say on the day's sporting action.

7.00 Bethan Elfyn Featuring the Wales Mix and a guest DJ Takeover.

10.00 BBC Introducing with Adam Walton

New Welsh music, sessions, interviews and demos.

1.00am-6.00 as Radio 5 Live

Sunday

NEWS: hourly 7.00 am to 6.00 pm WEATHER: before most news bulletins HILL FORECAST: 6.58 am

#### 6.00am Mary Hopkin: These Are Her Days

A celebration of one of Wales's most iconic female singers. Repeated from last Friday Repeated tomorrow 6.30am

6.30 Attention Seekers: ADHD

Francis Jones, meets people with ADHD, and those working to support people with the condition to find out more, and to seek answers as to how it can be managed more effectively.
Repeated from last Tuesday

7.00 Country Focus Rural affairs programme for those working in and living in the Welsh countryside. Repeated Wednesday 6.30pm and Thursday 6.30am

7.30 Celebration

A service for the First Sunday of Advent, led by the Rev Paul Robinson, Minister of the United Church in Rhyl. Repeated 7.30pm

8.00 Sunday Supplement Political news, discussions

and analysis, plus a round-up of the Sunday papers with auest reviewers.

9.00 All Things Considered Religious affairs programme. tackling the issues of the day in a thought-provoking manner. Repeated Friday 6.30am Email: religion.wales@bbc.co.uk

9.30 Bronwen Lewis

A blend of music and quests for Sunday morning. 11.00 Owen Money's Solid

Gold Sunday A selection of classic hits from the 1960s and 70s.

1.00pm Kiri Pritchard-McLean

Music and chat.

3.00 Lvnn Bowles Music, entertainment, and guests for Sunday afternoon. 5.00 Roy Noble

Classic songs and laid-back conversation. Email:roy.noble@bbc.co.uk

7.00 Trip Hazard

Comedian Eleri Morgan was 14 when she got diagnosed with dyslexia, and she was 20 when she learned she had been misdiagnosed and was in fact dyspraxic.

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8.00 Celtic Heartbeat

Frank Hennessy presents the best in folk, roots and acoustic music from the Celtic countries and beyond.

10.00 Beverley's World of Music

**Broadcaster Beverley** Humphrevs introduces a selection of popular songs from stage and screen.

1.00am-6.00 as Radio 5 Live

Monday

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Featuring Soundtrack Stories and Mystery Voice.

12.00 The Phone-in With Jason Mohammad.

2.00pm Behnaz Akhgar Celebrity guests, TV Turn Ons, and music quiz Backtracks.

5.00 Radio Wales Drive Claire Summers and the team with everything you need to know as you head home.

6.30 The Funny Thing about Grief

Richard Price discusses how to cope with being bereaved at a young age. Repeated tomorrow 6.30an

700 Huw Stephens

Featuring the Artist of the Week and new music from Wales and beyond.

10.00 Eleri Siôn Night-time with music and chat.

12.00 Relax with Radio Wales Classic and contemporary tunes.

1.00am-6.00 as Radio 51 ive

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6.15 Radio Wales Sport The Uefa Women's Nations League Group A4 match between Wales and Germany held at Swansea.com Stadium (kick-off 6.30).

9.00 The Power of Wales

Tracy Cardwell tours Wales to find projects blazing a trail for green power, including turning sewage into a clean gas, building a hydrogen gas plant, and retrofitting homes. Repeated tomorrow 6.30am

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Rural affairs programme. Repeated from Sunday 7am Repeated tomorrow 6.30am

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6.30 Double Top

Comedy following the ups anddowns of a darts team As the new darts season begins, the pressure is on to find a new player. Repeated from last Thursday

7.00 Aleighcia Scott Music and culture.

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6.30 The Aberystwyth **Book Club** A group of book club members

review their latest read. 7.00 Radio Wales Sport  $Live\,commentary, analysis\\$ 

and special features. 10.00 Friday Night H Music to start the weekend.

12.00 The Party Playlist with H The singer presents his ultimate party playlist.

1.00am-5.00 as Radio 5 Live BBC Wales, 3 Central Square, Cardiff CF10 1FT 03703 500 700 (weekdays 9.30am to 5.30pm) (landline calls charged at a maximum of 8p per minute)

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## Sadwrn

#### 5.30am Richard Rees Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth ar

gyfer bore Sadwrn. 7.00 Galwad Cynnar Gerallt Pennant a'i

westeion yn trafod natur, bywyd gwyllt a chadwraeth.

#### 8.00 Dros Frecwast Y newyddion diweddaraf yng Nghymru a thu hwnt, gyda Dylan Jones.

8.30 Ar y Marc Dylan Jones a'r criw yn trafod pob math o bethau'n

## 9.00 Tudur Owen Lot o fwydro, 'chydia o

vmwneud â phêl-droed.

sylwedd, dim swmp. 11.00 Y Sioe Sadwrn  $Cerd doriaeth\,ac\,ad loniant$ 

#### gyda Shelley Rees a Rhydian Bowen Phillips. 2.00pm Chwaraeon

Radio Cymru Sylwebaethau byw, yn ogystal â chanlyniadau a'r newyddion chwaraeon diweddaraf.

## 5.30 Marc Griffiths

Cymysgedd o'r hen a'r newydd iddiddanu ar nos Sadwrn, gan gynnwys llwyth o geisiadau.

## 9.00 Ffion Emyr

Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth ar nos Sadwrn.

12.00 gweler World Service

#### Sul

#### 5.30am Linda Griffiths

Dechreuwch eich dvdd Sul vn sain dewis cerddorol Linda Griffiths.

## 7.00 Troi'r Tir

Y straeon diweddaraf o fyd amaeth a bywyd cefn gwlad.

## 7.30 Caniadaeth v Cysegr

Amrywiaeth o emynau yng nghwmni'r cerddor, Eric Jones. Ail-ddarlledir 4.30pm

## 8.00 Bore Sul

Trin a thrafod papurau'r Sul, cerddoriaeth a sgyrsiau hamddenol, gyda Betsan Powys yn cyflwyno.

## 10.00 Swyn y Sul

Y cerddor a'r cyfansoddwr Sioned Webb yn dewis cerddoriaeth ar gyfer bore Sul.

#### 12.00 Yr Oedfa

Oedfadan of al Peter Thomas. Abervstwyth.

## 12.30pm Bwrw Golwg

John Roberts a'i westeion yn trafod materion moesol a chrefyddol. EBOST: bwrw.golwg@bbc

## 1.00 Cofio

Archif, atgof a chân yng nghwmni, John Hardy Ail-ddarlledir Llun am 6pn

#### 2.00 Ffion Dafis

Ffion Dafis a'i gwesteion yn trafod y byd celfyddydol yn ei holl amrywiaeth, a hynny vna Nahvmru a thu hwnt.

4.00 Ar Lan Afon Jon Gower ac Elinor Gwynn sy'n crwydro glannau rhai o afonydd Cymru yn heleu

hanes, vn cwrdd â'r bobl sy'n byw ar eu glannau, yn pysgota'u dyfroedd, ac yn clywed storiau o'r gorffennol.

## 4.30 Caniadaeth y Cysegr

Amrywiaeth o emynau yng nghwmni'r cerddor. Eric Jones.

#### 5.00 Dei Tomos

Savrsiau am Gymru. eiphobla'i diwylliant. ddarlledir Mawrth am 6nm EBOST: deitomos@bbc.co.ul

## 6.00 Beti a'i Phobol

Beti George yn sgwrsio avdaa un o bobl Cvmru.

## 7.00 Ambell i Gân

Rhaglenni cerddoriaeth heb unrhyw drywydd mwy penodol. Ail-ddarlledir Mercher am 6pm

#### 8.00 Ar Eich Cais

Rhys Meirion yn darllen cyfarchion ac yn chwarae ceisiadau. EBOST: areichcais@bbc.co.uk

## 9.00 John ac Alun

Cerddoriaeth a sawrsio ialoi'r penwythnos.

12.00 gweler World Service

#### Llun

## 5.30am John Hardy

Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth ben bore, gyda bwletinau newyddion, chwaraeon, tywydd a thraffig. Hefyd, y bwletin amaeth dyddiol, yn ogystal â golwg ar y papurau.

## 7.00 Dros Frecwast

Y newyddion diweddaraf yng Nghymru a thu hwnt, gyda Kate Crockett a Dylan Ebenezer.

## 9.00 Aled Hughes

Straeon cyfredol, cerddoriaeth, a holi'r cwestiynau sydd ar feddwl pawb.

#### 11.00 Bore Cothi

Croeso cynnes dros baned gyda Shân Cothi.

1.00pm Dros Ginio Trin a thrafod Cymru a'r byd gyda Rhodri Llywelyn yn cyflwyno. EBOST:drosginio@bb Ffôn:03703500500

#### 2.00 Ifan Jones Evans

Digon o gerddoriaeth, chwerthin a sawrsio. yn ogystal â chystadleuaeth neu ddwv.

## 5.00 Post Prynhawn

Newyddion y dydd yng Nghymru a thu hwnt gyda Nia Thomas yn cyflwyno. EBOST: postprynhawn@bbc.co.uk Post Prynhawn, BBC Radio Cymru Canolfan y BBC, Bryn Meirion LL572BY

#### 6.00 Cofio

Archif, atgof a chân vng nghwmni John Hardy. Darlledwyd Sul am 1pm

#### 7.00 Rhys Mwyn

Clasuron coll o gasgliad Mr Mwyn, a gwesteion yn hel atgofion.

## 9.00 Caryl

Cerddoriaeth a hwyl gyda'r hwyr gyda Caryl Parry Jones.

12.00 gweler World Service

#### Mawrth

#### 5.30am John Hardy

Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth ben bore, gyda bwletinau newyddion, chwaraeon, tywydd a thraffig. Hefyd, y bwletin amaeth dyddiol, yn ogystal â golwg ar y papurau.

#### 7.00 Dros Frecwast

Y newyddion diweddaraf yng Nghymru a thu hwnt, gyda Kate Crockett a Dylan Ebenezer.

## 9.00 Aled Hughes

Straeon cyfredol, cerddoriaeth, a holi'r cwestiynau sydd ar feddwl pawb.

#### 11.00 Bore Cothi Croeso cynnes dros baned

gyda Shân Cothi.

## 1.00pm Dros Ginio

Trin a thrafod Cymru a'r byd. Jennifer Jones sy'n codi'r pynciau a gofyn y cwestiynau sy'n bwysig i chi. EBOST: drosginio@bbc.co.uk Ffôn: 03703 500 500

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Sylwebaeth fyw o gêm Cymru v Yr Almaen yng Nghynghrair Cenhedloedd y menywod.

## 8.30 Georgia Ruth

Dewis eclectig o gerddoriaeth o gasgliad Georgia Ruth, yn cynnwys cerddoriaeth ryngwladol, byd a thraciau Cymraeg arbrofol.

## 10.00 Caryl

Cerddoriaeth a hwyl gyda'r hwyr gyda Caryl Parry Jones.

12.00 gweler World Service

## Mercher

5.30am John Hardy Cerddoriaeth a chwmni yn y bore bach, gyda'r cyflwynydd Daniel Jenkins-

#### Jones vn lle John Hardy 7.00 Dros Frecwast

Y newyddion diweddaraf yng Nghymru a thu hwnt, gyda Kate Crockett a Dylan Ebenezer.

## 9.00 Aled Hughes

Straeon cyfredol, cerddoriaeth, a holi'r cwestiynau sydd ar feddwl pawb.

#### 11.00 Bore Cothi

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#### 1.00pm Dros Ginio

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## 5.00 Post Prynhawn

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## 6.00 Ambell i Gân

Rhaglenni cerddoriaeth heb unrhyw drywydd mwy penodol. Darlledwyd Sul am 7pm

## 7.00 Mirain Iwerydd

Yn cynnwys cerddoriaeth newydd o Cymru.

#### 9.00 Caryl

Cerddoriaeth a hwyl gyda'r hwyr gyda Caryl Parry Jones. 12.00 gweler World Service

## 5.30am John Hardy

Cerddoriaeth a chwmni vn y bore bach, gyda'r cyflwynydd Daniel Jenkins-Jones yn lle John Hardy.

#### 7.00 Dros Frecwast

Y newyddion diweddaraf yng Nghymru a thu hwnt, gyda Kate Crockett a Dylan Ebenezer.

## 9.00 Aled Hughes

Straeon cyfredol, cerddoriaeth. a holi'r cwestiynau sydd ar feddwl pawb.

## 11.00 Bore Cothi

Croeso cynnes dros baned gyda Shấn Cothi.

#### 1.00pm Dros Ginio

Trin a thrafod Cymru a'r bvd. Catrin Haf Jones sv'n codi'r pynciau a gofyn y cwestiynau sy'n bwysig i chi. EBOST: drosginio@bbc.co.uk Ffôn: 03703 500 500

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## 6.00 Hawl i Holi

Trafodaeth gyfoes ar bynciau lleol, cenedlaethol a rhyngwladol gyda Bethan Rhys Roberts

#### 7.00 Huw Stephens

Cerddoriaeth newydd, ambell berlanghyfarwydd a sgwrs gyda'r cyflwynydd Ifan Davies yn lle Huw Stephens.

## 9.00 Caryl

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## Gwener

## 5.30am John Hardy

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## 7.00 Dros Frecwast

Y newyddion diweddaraf yng Nghymru a thu hwnt, gyda Kate Crockett a Gwenllian Grigg.

#### 9.00 Trystan ac Emma

Cerddoriaeth ac adloniant gyda Trystan Ellis-Morris ac Emma Walford.

#### 11.00 Bore Cothi Croeso cynnes dros baned

gyda Shấn Cothi. 1.00pm Dros Ginio Trin a thrafod Cymru a'r

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## 6.00 Lauren Moore

Cerddoriaeth ar gyfer nos Wener yng nghwmni Lauren Moore.

## 9.00 Nos Wener Ffion Emyr

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#### Sul

7.00am-10.00 Sioe Frecwast: cerddoriaeth ac adloniant gyda Mirain Iwerydd

## Llun-lau

7.00am-9.00 Sioe Frecwast: cerddoriaeth ac adloniant gyda Rhydian Bowen Phillips

8.30 lau: Naw o'r 90au: taith nôl i ddegawd y Spice Girls, Eden, Big Leaves ac Oasis

9.00-11.00 Lisa Gwilym: Lisa Gwilvm vn chwarae eich hoff fiwsig

## Gwener

7.00am-9.00 Sioe Frecwast: cerddoriaeth ac adloniant gyda Lisa Angharad

#### 11.00-1.00pm

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NE OF MY favourite anecdotes," says Mary Beard, with an interesting use of the word favourite, "is about the Emperor Hadrian – who gets cross, and stabs the eye of a slave with his stylus, or pen. A bit later he starts to feel guilty, so he says to the slave, 'Please let me give you recompense. What would you like?' And the slave says, 'I'd like my eye back please."

It's not the juicy horror of the story that interests Beard (though she hardly shies away from the grotesque excesses of her subjects in her new book *Emperor of Rome*. It's what the incident tells us about the limits of the emperor's power.

"He's just an ordinary guy," explains the historian and classicist. "Rome was a very cruel and bloodthirsty place. Having power meant that you could slash off the hands of a slave and tie them around his neck – but if you wanted to solve a problem, you couldn't. Problems were 'solved' by violence and murder.

"We tend to think of the emperor as the lucky one who's at the top of the food chain, but actually he's trapped as well. He's isolated, vulnerable. He's a prisoner of it all, too. Take Domitian, who was emperor at the end of the first century AD. He has the walls of the corridors in his palace lined with reflective stone so he can see who's coming up behind him. And most emperors were killed at home – it might be the personal trainer, the bodyguard, the poisoned mushrooms. The place where they should have felt most safe and content is actually where they felt most vulnerable."

All that backstabbing sounds a lot like our modern leaders, I suggest, and Beard agrees there are contemporary parallels: "I remember looking at Camilla when she was being crowned, and she was looking quite anxious. I thought, 'Look, these people are trapped by this, too.'

"Writing this book, I became even more anti-monarchy [than I was before], but I also

got a bit more sympathetic towards these poor old emperors. So much of the system is a dystopian fake. Like when you go to the ceremony of triumph under Domitian, and he claims to have won a military victory in Germany – just like many modern politicians tend to claim victories they haven't achieved. He wanted to have a

# 'I'm interested in what they eat, who they have sex with'

triumphal procession through the streets of Rome, parading his prisoners and booty. But it was a phoney victory, and he didn't have any.

"So what does he do? Well he gets a few assorted Gauls, dyes their hair red, teaches them a bit of German, gives them German names and forces them to pretend to be German prisoners.



'I remember looking at Camilla when she was being crowned, and she was looking anxious. I thought, "These people are trapped"

emperor: I didn't realise for a long time that we have records of many of the problems of ordinary people because they came to the emperor with them, and his replies are preserved."

For example? "In 6 BC there were a terrible set of domestic arguments in the town of Knidos, on the coast of modern Turkey. And in the course of this a slave dropped a chamber pot out of an upstairs window onto somebody from a rival family who was trying to get into the house, and the chamber pot killed him.

"The local authority says that the slave's owner is liable, and the case comes before Emperor Augustus, and he reverses that decision because maybe the slave only intended to pour out the contents of the chamber pot."

These days Beard is a civilian too, having stepped down from her position as Professor of Classics at Cambridge in 2022. So how is the 68-year-old finding retirement?

"I'm very lucky: I'm a 'boomer', and I've got a great pension that I've paid a lot into over the years. That's enabling me to do all the things I didn't have time to do before. I'm very happy – and I think retirement can be really productive." With *Emperor of Rome* clocking in at 493 pages, it's certainly looking that way.

**ED GRENBY** 

The documentary series Mary Beard: Meet the Emperors will be coming to BBC2 in 2024

## highly readable book is the relationship between the ruler and the ruled in

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**READING HISTORY** 

Mary Beard at her home in Cambridge

Rome. "It's about how the position of emperor works," she says. "What do they do? I'm interested in how they function, who makes it possible, where they live, what they eat, who they have sex with, how they travel, what their day job is, all that kind of thing. And who's doing the work, who's organising things, who's his

And, because he hasn't got any booty either, he

brings some stuff up from the imperial furniture

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what they see or hear - but neither can the

emperor, because of the flattery he's subjected to.

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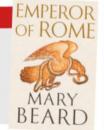
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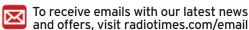
"I've found that one of the best ways to learn about ordinary Romans is actually through the

sounding board, who cleans his shoes?

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## THE YEARS

ANNIE ERNAUX Book of the Week Mon-Fri 9.45am/12.30am Radio 4 When it was first published in 2008, Annie Ernaux's memoir

The Years (Fitzcarraldo Editions, £13.99) was heralded as her masterpiece. The French author bent the genre to her will to create an entirely new subset of memoir. Spanning 65 years, the book follows a generational shift and emphasises the immense power of both personal and collective memory. A 2017 English translation gave Ernaux's work a whole new audience, and her use of "we" rather than "I" lends a new dimension to a genre that is usually entirely individualistic.



## THE WITCHING HOUR ANNE RICE

Mayfair Witches

Wednesday 9.00pm **BBC2**Fantasy fans rejoice, a new
Anne Rice adaptation lands

this week: that of *The Witching Hour* (Arrow, £12.99), first of the *Lives of the Mayfair Witches* trilogy. The themes of supernatural horror, sex and fantasy are familiar, this time centring around a family of witches who have been guided/haunted for generations by a spirit. Thrilling gothic melodrama ensues as the heroine discovers the spirirt and fights to resist its efforts at seduction.



## REAL TIGERS

MICK HERRON

Series three of Slow Horses now streaming on **Apple TV+** Third in the Slow Horses series (and inspiring season three of

the Apple+ adaptation with Gary Oldman), Mick Herron's Real Tigers (Baskerville, £9.99) finds the characters back in Slough House, where failed spies' careers die – or are supposed to, anyway. Herron's plots find these washed-up agents at the centre of more villainy, but this time, the threat is from within their own agency. Jackson Lamb and his band of unruly spooks must work to save one of their own in another satisfying spy-based rollercoaster.

**RHIANNON THOMAS** 

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# Travel

F THE FARE to the North Pole is looking a bit pricey this year, perhaps put London on your wish list instead. The capital doesn't do every season perfectly (things can get seriously sticky in high summer), but its Christmas offerings are undeniably terrific, from Dickensian pubs to laser light shows.

If the spiritual heart of London's festive season is midnight mass at St Paul's Cathedral or Westminster Abbey (**stpauls.co.uk**; **westminster-abbey.org**), then the epicentre of its more worldly celebrations is the cathedral of consumerism, Harrods. Here, a significant chunk of the £2.3 billion spent by customers every year is dropped in December – and later this month a Channel 5 documentary, *Christmas at Harrods*, will take viewers behind the scenes as the world-famous department

store gears up for the season. This year, anyone

shopping – or simply their Christmas gawping – at the venerable Knightsbridge

who's planning to do their Christmas

to see 50-odd stunning window displays, a nine-metre tree shimmering in Valentino Pink, and daily chocolate-making demonstrations in the Food Hall (harrods.com).

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Other famous shops that are worth a visit include toy store extraordinaire Hamleys

(hamleys.com) and the luxury goods emporium Liberty (libertylondon.com), which truly goes to town with its festive windows.

If, on the other hand, you prefer your Yuletide a little more wholesome and outdoorsy, try reddening your cheeks and watching your breath hang in the frosty air at one of London's pop-up ice rinks. The beauty at Somerset House (somersethouse.org.uk; until 14 January) is probably the prettiest – and then it's just a Torvill and Dean-style pirouette across Waterloo Bridge to the South Bank. Here, at the Royal Festival Hall (southbankcentre. co.uk), catch *Nutcracker*, a jazzy reworking

of *The Nutcracker* (until 6 January); *Christmas Actually*, a variety show curated by *Love Actually* writer/director Richard Curtis (7–11 December);

and the singalong-

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with-the-Philharmonic *Christmas Classics* (15–17 December), featuring everything from *O Little Town of Bethlehem* to Mariah Carey's *All I Want for Christmas Is You*. Make sure you practise those high notes!

Just in front of the Royal Festival Hall, and beside the Thames, is one of the city's winter markets – a collection of winsome wooden huts selling gifts, mulled wine and other edibles – and next door to that is The Curling Club (thecurlingclub.com; until 11 February). Here, a little bit of Winter Olympics comes to London, as you practise gliding your "stone" along the ice to the bullseye painted on it. It's not real ice, however (so there's no need for skates, or those folk you see on TV whizzing along and polishing the path in front of the stone with brooms), but the fun is authentic.

To up the wintry feel, the whole place is decked out in après-ski fashion, with a range of great drinks and warming comfort food.

Another place that's worth adding to your wish list is the Christmas market in Leicester Square (christmasinleicestersquare.com; until 7 January). Arranged around a temporary big top where you can catch cabaret show La Clique, you'll find stalls selling fudge, mulled wine, hand-made tree decorations and

arguably less traditional treats such as churros.

Looking onto Leicester Square, you've got one of London's most Christmassy hotels, too. The foyer of The Londoner (thelondoner.com) features gorgeous fireplaces, and its tree is a thing of chic beauty, designed by Huishan Zhang, the Chinese-British couturier beloved by the likes of Keira Knightley. Rooms are cosy but distinctly stylish, there's a secret whisky bar behind a hidden door and the night-time views from the eighth-floor rooftop bar show the whole of London lit up like a Christmas tree.

F YOU WANT to get closer to the capital's Christmas lights, consider a circuit on an open-top Routemaster bus with the Classic Tour (**theclassictour.com**).

With dazzling displays to see

everywhere from Oxford Street to the Shard, it's the quickest way of covering the ground apart, maybe, from a reindeer-drawn sleigh.

Arguably the best light show of all is at Kew Gardens (kew.org; selected dates until 7 January), where you walk through glowing tunnels past trees lit up in jewel-like colours. Running Kew a close second is the Winter Wonderland in





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Main: Ice skating at

Father Christmas at

Hamleys, below left; the Palm House at

Kew Gardens, bottom

Somerset House.

If it's shows you want, perhaps the pick of the pantos is *Peter Pan* starring Jennifer Saunders, Julian Clary and Nigel Havers at the Palladium (**lwtheatres.co.uk**; until 14 January). But it's not all about audience participation at this time of year (oh no it isn't!): Scroogier types might enjoy Christopher Eccleston's Ebenezer in *A Christmas Carol* at the Old Vic (**oldvic theatre.com**; until 6 January) – or even a film instead. Kensington Palace is hosting screenings of *Miracle on 34th Street*, *Die Hard* and, of course, *Elf* (**thelunacinema.com/venue/kensington-palace-pavilion/**; 11-15 December).

Then there's the big show. Come 31

December, the noise is all about the bangs

and whistles of the Mayor's New Year's
Eve fireworks display (Iondon.gov.uk/
events). Connoisseurs will tell you the
best place to watch is at Belvedere
Road, beside the London Eye, from
where the rockets and the rest are
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where the rockets and the rest are launched; but there are six official spectator areas, all with great views of the 200-metre-high pyrotechnics. You don't get that at the North Pole... ED GRENBY

Christmas at Harrods is coming soon on Channel 5

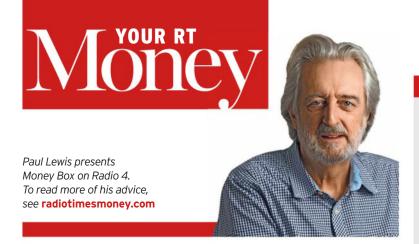
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# STAY WARM THIS WINTER

As temperatures drop, bills rise – but you may be due help with your heating, says **Paul Lewis** 

HE WARM HOME Discount is £150 and is taken off one winter electricity bill by your supplier. The scheme runs in England and Wales and, slightly differently, in Scotland. In Northern Ireland there is a different scheme called Affordable Warmth, for which you can find details on nihe.gov.uk.

The conditions to qualify in England and Wales were changed a couple of years ago, meaning the

# '£150 is taken off one bill by your supplier'

people who are entitled now fall into two groups.

The first is people over 66 who get pension credit. They should get the discount automatically, as the Department for Work and Pensions tells the energy companies who is on pension credit of the right sort. You qualify if you get what's called the guarantee credit element of pension credit. Check the letter you got when it was awarded. If you get guarantee credit, or both guarantee credit and savings credit, then you qualify. But if you only get savings credit and no guarantee credit (or it is £0.00) you do not qualify automatically. Instead, you may be eligible in the second group.

The second group is working age people and pensioners who are not in the first group. You have to fulfil two conditions. First, you must be getting a means-tested benefit such as Universal Credit, tax credits, income support, or just the savings credit of pension credit. Second, your home must be hard to heat. That is worked out by the Government based on data it holds on the age, type and size of homes - but it admits it may get this wrong. There is an eligibility checker at gov.uk if you search "warm home discount". If that says "no", but you are on a means-tested benefit and believe you should qualify, call the Warm Home Discount helpline for free on 0800 030 9322.

People with a pre-payment meter qualify equally with others. Your energy supplier can tell you how the discount will be paid. There is also a scheme for people living in mobile homes, but they have to apply at charisgrants.com/partners/park-homes.

In Scotland, the first group is the same as England and Wales. But people in the second group have to claim the discount, and eligibility is slightly different due to suppliers. Contact your energy provider, or see mygov.scot/help-energy-bills.

**QUESTIONS?** Send any questions to **Paul.Lewis@radiotimes.com**. I cannot answer you personally, but I will reflect them in this column.

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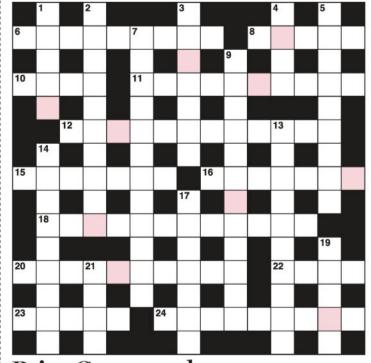
## PRIZE CROSSWORD

#### **ACROSS**

- Garment with layer, an old one (5,4)
- 8 US crime show breaks a wall (1,1,3)
- **10** Broken chest (4)
- Sometimes hand went on jiggling (3,3,4)
- 12 Ruler to speak ill of Australian (12)
- Think first junction to lose resolve (7)
- Reversion to type for a time with poor Mavis (7)
- 18 Maybe win cotton mat for antiques narrator (3,9)
- 20 Soccer body holds girl, with one pound for political party (6,4)
- 22 Instrument for bloke at intervals (4)
- 23 Empty goal, one that's sugar-coated! (5)
- 24 Sauce right as rain swallowed by insect (9)

#### DOWN

- Finish tiling, pasting with filler (5)
- Come out, sir, to develop green holidays (10)
- Vehicle with tree on forecourt facility (3.4)
- Ready to go using phone agreement (4)
- Enter uninvited to Carthage's wreckage (9)
- Orthodox religious building left on Scottish isle (12)
- Modern and finicky, especially (2,10)
- 13 Used in church, when turning to a devil? No! (10)
- Archdeacon to move slowly, say, to inner chamber (9)
- A French composer to fall apart (7)
- Show off, love why is that? (3,2)
- 21 Cheek to go back into book centre (4)



## Prize Crossword 49

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## EASY CROSSWORD

ACROSS (answers page 139)

- 6 Gradual rusting (9)
- 8 Get a move on! (5)
- 10 Fairly thin (4)
- 11 Endeavour star (5.5)
- 12 Traditional folk jig (7,5)
- **15** Examiner of accounts (7)
- **16** Winning goal (7)
- **18** Product sold at reduced price (7,5)
- 20 Ohio's third-largest city (10)
- 22 Avian symbol of peace (4)
- 23 Circus funny man (5)
- 24 Bottles, tumblers etc (9)

- Shed feathers or fur (5) 1
- 2 Bouncy gym apparatus (10)
- Unlawful imitation (7)
- 4 Animal symbol of Taurus (4)
- 5 Achieve neither profit nor loss (5.4)
- Raw salad ingredients (6,6)
- TV game show hosted by Ross Kemp (6,2,4)
- **13** Firmly fixed (6,4)
- **14** Boxer's teeth-guard (9)
- Easily folded, bendy (7)
- Elephant tusk substance (5)
- 21 Chimney cover (4)

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## PRIZE CROSSWORD 44 SOLUTION

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Phil Brett.

Manchester



## **PUZZLE ANSWERS**

6b 7a 8b 9a 10c ECCHEADS 18 26 4c 58

9 Silence 10 Gorillaz When U Get There 8 This Is a Call Music 6 New Year's Day 7 C U ◆ Leader of the Pack 5 Roxy Won't Find Another Fool Like Me People 2 Glad All Over 3 You 1 Wonderful World, Beautiful **POPMASTER** 

fewest people gave So white is the answer that the PINK (18), SILVEr (31), WHITe (7). BURGUNAY (10), ORaNGe (33), **POINTLESS** 

Watch, Pyjamas, Friend, Askance, Drifter, Laser, Backchat, Pancreas, Down Amuse, Croquet, Grubby, Storm, Shade Zodiac, Swerve, Tuft, Anathema, Joke, Suburb, Cement, Duchess, Across Agile, Splat, Moussaka,

> 450+**3=453** 200+10=210, 210x2=420,

**ENICMA** 

How Rachel did it: 25x8=200, СОПИТРОМИ

Kiss, Dressing, Horn, Toast **Lrench** Something

Help!, Now and Then, Yesterday, Beatles songs

Polo, Scoop, V, Sweetheart Mecklines

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How to play Your task is to sort the 16 seemingly random words/phrases below into four groups of four connected words. You may find some clues fall into more than one category, but there is only one complete solution. If you get stuck, have a look at the clues on the side of the page...

## **COUNTDOWN** with Rachel Riley



Using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, try to get as close to the target as possible in 30 seconds. You can use each of the six numbers only once, but you don't have to use them all. Rachel's solution is on the previous page.

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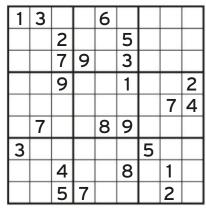
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Revolution Rapids Polo Now and Then Horn Help!

**Earthquakes** Something

**Kiss** Yesterday **Toast** 

## **SUPER SUDOKU 936**



How to play Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. Difficulty: 15/20 SUDOKU NO 935 SOLUTION

| 6 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 4 |
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| 7 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 2 |
| 8 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 7 |
| 3 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| 9 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| 2 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 5 |
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## TRACKWORD

How many words of three letters or more can you find by tracking from one square to the next, going up, down, sideways or diagonally in order? You may not use the same letter square twice in any word.

**BRAINBOX 32 words AVERAGE 20** 

| L |   | E |         |
|---|---|---|---------|
| D |   | C |         |
| G | E | N | DOI TAN |

# What is the nine-letter word?

## THE ENIGMA CODE

Can you crack the Enigma code? Each grid number represents a letter. Every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter or letters below the main grid - to start. The solution is on the previous page.

Difficulty: 14/20 Target time: 28 minutes

|                | 9  | 15 | 25 | 11   | 5          |    |    |    | 14 |    | 3  |    | 11 |    | 9  |    | 17 |    | A<br>B |
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## TRACKWORD FOR LAST ISSUE Nine-letter word CETACEOUS

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#### **KEVIN ASHMAN**

1 What name is given to the upper parts of a large church or cathedral containing a series of windows above eye level?

a Clerestory b Ciborium c Cantoris

2 The coffin bone is part of the skeleton of which creature? a Whale b Horse c Dog

## **STEVE COOKE**

3 Who was the first goalkeeper to score a goal in the Premier League? a Peter Schmeichel b Shay Given c Petr Cech

4 What did Wolfie Smith, played by Robert Lindsay, shout during the opening titles of Citizen Smith? a "Up the workers!" b "We shall not be moved!" **c** "Power to the people!"

#### **PAT GIBSON**

5 Published in 2023, Tackle! is the latest book by which author? a Jilly Cooper b Danielle Steel c JK Rowling

6 The Awami League has for decades been a major force in which country's politics? a Malaysia b Bangladesh c Syria

#### **CHRIS HUGHES**

7 Which English king was overthrown by his own wife and her lover, Roger Mortimer? a Edward II b Richard II c Henry II

8 In The Archers, Grace Archer's death in 1955 coincided with what other major broadcasting first? a The Queen's Christmas speech **b** Launch of ITV **c** Live phone-in

#### **LISA THIEL**

9 A comma placed before the word "and" in a list is known as what? a An Oxford comma b A Yale comma c A Sorbonne comma

10 Carpal tunnel syndrome is caused by pressure on which nerve in the human body?

a Sciatic nerve b Peroneal nerve c Median nerve

# **DICTIONARY CORNER** Susie Dent



Word of the week Hot dog

been dubbed "dogs" in the **US** since the mid-19th century probably as a joking

reference to the meat they might contain. The use of "hot dog" for a

frankfurter or wienerwurst in a long, soft roll is thought to have originated in the slang of Yale University

Sausages have students in the mid-1890s, thanks to continuing suspicions about the meat. Later, the term was probably helped along by the visual similarity between a frankfurter and a dachshund, aka "sausage dog". In a less plausible but colourful explanation, Bavarian Anton Feuchtwanger reportedly sold hot sausages at a trade convention in 1893, offering customers gloves to protect their fingers. But when customers kept the gloves, it's said he substituted elongated rolls instead.



## **POPMASTER**

with which song?

2 What was the title of the only number

#### 1970s

3 Which of these three hit songs by the New Seekers gained the highest chart position - Circles, Beg, Steal or Borrow or You Won't Find Another Fool Like Me?

4 What was the title of the 1965 top 20 hit by the Shangri-Las that made it into the top ten in both 1972 and 1976?

#### 1980s

5 Which group made the top ten in 1980 with Over You and Oh Yeah (On the Radio)?

6 Name the 1983 track by U2 that gave the band their first top ten hit.

7 The rapper Coolio (with 40 Thevz) made the top three in 1997 - name the track.

8 What was the title of the first and only top five hit of the 90s for Foo Fighters?

## 2000s-present day

9 What was Broken, according to So Solid Crew's 2003 top ten hit?

10 Name the act that entered the album charts at number one in 2023 with Cracker Island.

QUESTIONS BY PHIL "THE COLLECTOR" SWERN

## with Ken Bruce 1960s 1 Jimmy Cliff had a top ten hit in 1969

one hit achieved by the Dave Clark Five?

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#### **DECISIONS ON DIGNITY**

I felt thankful to have viewed the documentary A Time to Die about assisted dying (13/14 November in some regions, ITV1/ITVX) in spite of the late hour, and hope more members of the public will catch this important programme on a controversial subject.

To those opposed to a change in the present law on assisted dying, I would urge them to follow the experiences portrayed in the film about people wanting the right to die at the time of their choice. I hope this powerful film will be given wider viewing - it's an issue we need to address in this country, and I hope it won't be swept under the carpet.

**Linda Foy** Bristol

#### NO CONSEQUENCES?

After another excellent run of episodes in The Great Post Office Trial (Radio 4/BBC Sounds), in which Nick Wallis exposed the shocking truth about the way the Post Office prosecuted innocent sub-postmasters and mistresses and saw dozens convicted and many jailed in order to cover up the truth about its own faulty computer system, one question demands to be answered: why are the despicable people who ran the organisation not under investigation themselves?

They should be subject to the same scrutiny as the innocent Post Office staff - and suffer the same public shaming as the people who run the water companies and our railways.

Sheila Miller

London N4 An independent public statutory inquiry into the scandal is currently underway.

# **SCRIPT**

who has MND Congratulations to the writers of the episode of Coronation Street on 10 November (1TV1), Jonathan Harvey and Alasdair Morrison. To combine the really sad news that Paul received about the progress

Peter Ash a



Pete Doherty (14 November BBC2) was the air of vulnerability of this one-time wild man of rock. With some visual references to a drug-fuelled past and Theroux's careful promptings, it brought out Doherty's current persona so poignantly.

It made me recall the intelligent A-level English student whom my colleagues and I taught years ago. He was, without doubt, the most able student I ever taught; he had a real understanding of and true empathy for English literature. In Louis Theroux's programme, there were the faint echoes of just this. It was good to see signs of his reform.

Peter Woodroffe Lutterworth, Leicestershire

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with the hilarious scene of him and Billy in the bathroom was a stroke of genius. Congratulations must also go to Peter Ash for his portrayal of Paul, as he deals

with this dreadful illness. Gill Tucker Wells, Somerset

> REPAIR AT **LEISURE**

Here's an idea for a programme of Slow TV: an episode of The Repair Shop (BBC1) that just watches the specialists at work on

their projects. No items being brought in or picked up, no narration, only silent repairing going on, accompanied maybe by just sounds of their tools. I think it would be so relaxing and fascinating. How about it, BBC? Lizzie Stenhouse Edinburgh

## MAN OF MANY FACES...

Sky Arts is to be congratulated on the documentary Discovering: Fredric March (15 November). In recalling his Oscar-winning performance in the 1931 film DrJekyll and Mr Hyde, they showed clips from the 1941 version instead. Unless, of course, Jekyll's magic formula managed to transform March into Spencer Tracy!

**Barry McCann** 

Blackpool, Lancashire

## **FEELING RUFFLED**

I was amused by the letter from Sue Bamber (Feedback, 11 November) regarding the article of bedding being hung on the line by Mrs Hall in All Creatures Great and Small (Channel 5). Was it indeed a fitted sheet or could it perhaps have been a valance? These have quite a historic provenance and I wouldn't put it past this particular overworked housekeeper to be sewing them in her garret during the few hours she may actually have free! Roni Gail Torbay, Devon Turn to page 25 for our preview of the All Creatures Christmas special.

## MORE FOX, PLEASE

I feel I must write to say how much I have enjoyed Signora Volpe (Drama). At a time when many dramas seem to be full of mental anguish, unhappiness and violence, this has been a real pleasure to watch.

The story lines are interesting and quirky, filmed in gorgeous locations, and that wonderful suggestion of a new relationship for Sylvia (Emilia Fox) at the end gives me hope that there will (please) be another series.

## **Ruth Spencer**

Swanage, Dorset A spokesperson for UKTV tells RT: "We're really pleased that the reaction to Signora Volpe on Drama has been so positive hopefully viewers who missed

**SMART** 

of his motor neurone disease

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## **DON'T FORGET!**

The Christmas double issue of Radio Times, covering 23 December – 5 January 2024, is on sale nationwide from Tuesday 12 December

it will be able to catch up on UKTV Play. A second series is in production, but at this stage we cannot confirm any more than that."

### A BANGING RESPONSE

Chris Fawkes's appearance on BBC weather forecasting duties on 5 November (Feedback, 18 November) was not the first or funniest time.

A few years ago, presenter Simon McCoy prefaced asking Chris for the weather details after the lunchtime news on that date with, "Well, Mr Fawkes, any special plans for tonight?" Absolute classic!

## **Tim Grove**

Falmouth, Cornwall

THEY SAY
PAUL HOLLYWOOD
HAS MADE MORE
SAUSAGE ROLLS
THAN THERE ARE
STARS IN THE SKY



#### PAUL'S ROLLED OVER

Paul Hollywood asserted on *Bake Off* (14 November C4) that he had made "millions and millions" of sausage rolls. Let's assume two million as it's the lowest. He is 57, I think, so let's assume 20,805 days old. Let us also assume that he started baking on the day he was born! That's an impressive 96.1 per day. The things you think about in the middle of the night...

#### **Sue Davies**

Sully, Vale of Glamorgan

## **WORTH THE EFFORT**

Congratulations and well done to Vernon Kay on the £5.8 million he has raised for Children in Need in the Radio 2 Ultra-Marathon Challenge.

Radio 2 really feels like a family. All the presenters genuinely seem to get on with each other and supported him. This, with the misery in the world at the moment and Vernon's down-to-earth approach and honesty about his struggles, really struck a chord with me. With the huge amount raised it seems this was felt by many Radio 2 listeners, too. **Donna Newton** Manchester

As RT goes to press, the total raised for Children in Need stands at a remarkable £33.5 million.

## **GOOSEBUMPS**

In response to the letter from Anne Ponting (Feedback, 18 November), I have to say that Strictly (Saturday/Sunday BBC1) is a must for sheer entertainment as well as a competition. In that respect, celebrities who have previous dance experience rarely, if ever, lift the Glitterball trophy – think Debbie McGee, Alexandra Burke or Ashley Roberts.

A FOX IN ITALY

Emilia Fox in Signora Volpe But their talent and ability give me goosebumps and I have felt privileged to watch Layton Williams and Nikita Kuzmin's exquisite performances each week.

> You go, guys! **Morag Brown** *Brighton, East Sussex*

## UNSUNG STARS

I really appreciate the production values of *Strictly*, the progress of the contestants and, of course, Dave Arch and his amazing band, who

adapt to so many musical styles. The show really emphasises the value of acquiring new skills, which have benefits beyond the world of dance.

Therefore it would be nice to showcase the incredible skills of the band a bit more and maybe introduce the musicians by name from time to time. Why not feature them on the Sunday results programme, with a number all to themselves?

I often feel that the in-house singers are far superior to the guest performers anyway. Their contribution is such a huge part of the quality and impact of the show and this should be recognised more.

**Gerry Hunt** London E5



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## **RETRO TV SPECIAL**

Feedback

# Strings attached: the lady behind Lady Penelope

Sixties series like Stingray. Thunderbirds and Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons were special then and are remarkable now. Interest in these models-andpuppet shows from husband-andwife team Gerry and Sylvia Anderson has been kept sky-high, thanks to their being available on BritBox and Talking Pictures TV. As Scalextric launches its slot-car version of FAB-1, Lady Penelope's pink Rolls-Royce, RT spoke to puppeteer Mary Turner, now 90, about bringing "Lady P" and other classic characters to life.

Mary's interest in the craft began after the war when her artist mother signed up for a puppetry class at the local polytechnic. "After a term she came home with this little figure on strings, a marionette, and I was amazed at what it could do. I think I was caught up on it then."

Mary studied sculpture at art college, and taught for two years. "I saw on the television that this series had started called *The Adventures* of Twizzle. That was Gerry's first one [in 1957], and it was quite different from any other puppet series, more innovative and much better. And I thought, that's what I'd like to do."

Her friend Christine Glanville. who worked for Gerry Anderson at AP Films, told Mary the company wanted puppeteers for a new series called Torchy the Battery Boy. Mary got the job, and she also began to sculpt the character heads from the next show onwards (western Four Feather Falls in 1960).

It was when Gerry married Sylvia and they made shows together that the public really paid attention, from

**IN CONTROL** Mary Turner with "Lady P" and, inset, the character with Thunderbirds Anderson in 1966

Supercar and Fireball XL5 to Stingray and Thunderbirds, whose secret agent Lady Penelope and her chauffeur Parker were an instant hit. And it was Mary who helped create the elegant Lady P.

"Sylvia was the one interested in the characters and characterisations of the puppets, whereas Gerry was more to do with the special effects and technical side. She would describe what sort of character she wanted and then you would do your best to follow her direction."

ary adds, "Sylvia was very fussy about Lady P. She wanted a sophisticated lady; I modelled what I thought would be best, and I'd take it to her and she'd want a bit done here and there.

"Eventually we were both happy with it, so it was modelled up and made in fibreglass, as they all were. Sylvia got a wig made at a proper wigmaker's, we put the wig on and we both looked at it and decided that it was definitely starting to

look like Sylvia herself!"

She believes Sylvia's input to the shows should be credited as much as Gerry's. "So much was due to her. He took centre stage for some reason. In the early days when we were making the films it was more that men were the head of whatever you happened to be doing."

Mary and her colleagues brought the characters to life from a puppet bridge above the sets, and things

could get hairy. "Sometimes there had to be a fire in the shot and the effects men would come in with oily rags and set fire to them. You can imagine the smoke that

came up into our faces. We weren't given masks or anything like that!"

The company name changed to Century 21, and Supermarionation series kept coming, with Captain Scarlet (that rugged face is another Mary creation), Joe 90 and The Secret Service (whose hero Mary modelled on its voice artist, Stanley Unwin). After the plug was finally pulled on the productions in 1969, Mary continued with puppets on the popular children's show The Adventures of Rupert Bear, and on the 1986 fantasy film Labyrinth.

She's impressed by the Scalextric FAB-1 slot car - "It looks very good. The detail is nice" - and says of the Anderson adventures she worked on: "They were successful because each series was that much better than the ones before. And they were something really different from what other people had been doing."

MARK BRAXTON

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# BEAR GRYLLS

The adventurer on island life, embracing failure – and exploring Eton's sewers

What's the view from your sofa? For much of the year we live in north Wales on a little island a couple of miles offshore. It's an old lighthouse with a keeper's cottage attached. My wife Shara and I bought it when we first got married. When it's a nice day, the view of the sea and the cliffs is beautiful. But it gets pretty wild out here, with a lot of wind and rain.

## When you're hunkered down, what do you watch on TV?

We have rubbish aerial reception on the island, so Shara and I will often watch on a laptop in bed with a nice cup of tea.

#### Who gets to choose what you watch?

We veer between watching what she likes, and what I like. At the moment we are thick into *1923* on Paramount+. We loved its prequel *1883* – it's about pioneers forging west across America. The problem is that I go away quite a lot, so Shara asks, "Am I waiting three weeks to watch episode four, while you're in the jungle, or can I crack on?"

## You grew up on the Isle of Wight. Did you watch a lot of telly or spend more time outdoors?

My late dad had been a Royal Marine Commando and whatever the weather, I was always being dragged outside – which I wasn't always super happy about! I look back now and feel so grateful for those times and our connection. It's where I learnt about nature and adventure. Saying that, I also have strong memories of coming back from school, sitting at the foot of my parents' bed, my knees scrunched up and the telly being six inches from my face!

# Did that taste for adventure remain when you went to Eton?

I was eight when I first went to boarding school – it was scary and I felt really ill-equipped. I found an escape through trying to keep a semblance of adventure in a world that was very regimented –



whether it was making camps or rafts to go down the river or exploring the sewers at night with a torch.

# What did your parents make of that kind of behaviour?

The best thing my mum and dad gave me was the freedom not to be a school superstar. They rewarded doing your best, having good friendships, trying to be kind, resilience, never giving up and not being scared to fail. Failure is a rite of passage, isn't it?

# While in the SAS, you went on holiday and had a parachuting accident and broke your back in three places. How did you cope with that?

It was a dark time. Physicality was such an inherent part of my life, my upbringing, my job in the military – and suddenly I couldn't even reach a bathroom without being in agony.

But I had an awareness that I was lucky – I should have been paralysed. I was within millimetres of severing my spinal cord. I'd been given a second chance, and it gave me a gratitude for life that I didn't have before.

# MY LIFE IN TV



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my dad. That was
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# In your TV shows, you're often in dangerous situations. As a family man, do you know when to draw the line?

There is always risk involved in my job. You've got to be smart. In the wild, you only get it wrong once. You have to leave ego behind. If there's any doubt about safety, you find another way. On *Running Wild*, I take rookies with me. They might be Hollywood celebrities, but they've never climbed a mountain – and you've got to account for that.

## Does anything make you nervous?

I do get nervous, of course! I'm touring my live show and those nerves are good, they're there to keep us sharp. But I'm also excited to share all the great stories and behind the scenes from the series. What's it like being bitten by snakes? Eating maggots? Running Wild with President Obama? It's a family show that's meant to leave people feeling like they can conquer the world. We all need a bit of that in life. KELLY-ANNE TAYLOR

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